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House OK's pay hike for officials

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Members of the House of Representatives gave themselves a salary raise yesterday.

Voting 15-5, the House passed House Bill 19-3 HS1 to increase the salaries of all elected Commonwealth officials—the governor, lieutenant governor, mayors, and members of the Legislature. HB 19-3 now goes to the Senate for deliberation.

House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) authored HB 19-3 and also introduced floor amendments in yesterday's session on Capital Hill.

HB 19-3 was originally in-

tended to set a new base salary for civil service government employees pursuant to 1 CMC Sections 8124 (g) and 8133, and to increase the ceiling for government employees.

After some floor amendments, HB 19-03 HS1 became an act "to enact a new base salary schedule for classified civil service government employees pursuant to 1CMC Sections 8124 (g) and 8133,

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GPPC sues CPA for \$39M for runway rehab project delay

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A contractor is suing the Commonwealth Ports Authority for alleged breaches in its contract that delayed the rehabilitation of a runway at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, costing the company \$39 million in damages.

In GPPC Inc.'s amended complaint through counsel Mark B. Hanson, the company is suing CPA for declaratory judgment and breach of contract.

GPPC asked the Superior

Court to declare that the additional work being demanded by CPA is outside the scope of GPPC's contractual obligations.

» CPA asks court to dismiss GPPC complaint

GPPC is demanding no less than \$38,998,240 from CPA. The contractor also demands payment for incidental and consequential damages plus pre-judgment interest and court costs.

CPA, through Robert T. Torres, asked the court to dismiss GPPC's complaint.

Torres said that GPPC is merely attempting to sidestep

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The *man'amko* and Interact Club members line up for food during the Thanksgiving celebration sponsored by the Rotary Club of Saipan at the Office on Aging on Nov. 29.

MICHAEL T. SANTOS

Births by foreign parents raise questions

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A large chunk of live births in the Commonwealth during a more than two-year period are being attributed to foreign nationals, mainly Chinese tourists, which has raised some

eyebrows on Capital Hill.

Senate Health and Welfare committee chair Sen. Terecita Santos (R-Rota), for one, is urging U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to look into this and take appropriate action.

"With statistics provided by

the [Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.] showing that Chinese birth rate has been dramatically increasing year after year here in the CNMI, our USCIS should actively and proactively be involved in the enforcement of the U.S. immigration laws as this matter

falls under their jurisdiction," said Santos.

"The USCIS visa waiver program [could] also be revisited, that is, instead of granting a 45-day visitor waiver, it may be reduced to 21 days like other countries' visa waiver

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Local

Man gets 10 years in prison for beating up mother, sis

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An ex-convict who beat up his 61-year-old mother and his 32-year-old sister got a 10-year prison term yesterday. John Teregeyo Kileleman, 36, pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated assault and battery as part of a plea deal. He hit his

mother and sister with a broom, metal pipe, and antenna, causing them serious injuries at their house in As Perdido. Kileleman also admitted violating his probation in a 2010 criminal conviction.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Kileleman to a total of 10 years in prison, with credit for 83 days of time served. He will then be placed on supervised probation for 10 years.

Kileleman was ordered to pay all court and probation costs during the first six months of his probation. He is prohibited from having any contact with his mother and sister and was directed stay away from their house, jobs, and school during his probation.

He is required to complete anger management counseling and not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages during his probation.

Two other charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and a count of senior citizen physical abuse were dropped.

Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government. Chief Public Defender Douglas

Hartig served as counsel for Kileleman.

Kileleman beat his mother with a broomstick and steel pipe on Sept. 7, 2016, on Saipan, causing a 3-inch cut on her cheek and a 2-inch cut on her head requiring staples.

That same day, Kileleman beat his sister with a broomstick, causing cuts on her head and lip requiring stitches.

According to the police, Kileleman got mad after his sister turned off his radio. He was beating up his sister with a broomstick when his mother tried to intervene, resulting in him assaulting her.

On Oct. 14, 2010, on Saipan, Kileleman threw a 2-foot metal pipe at the head of his other sister, then attacked her with a screwdriver, stabbing her repeatedly. The victim suffered multiple lacerations and stab wounds in the head, arms, chest, and back.

In June 2012, Kileleman pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon. Then-associate judge David A. Wiseman slapped him with a five-year prison term.

Wiseman required the defendant to seek psychiatric treatment for his mental health condition.

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The Northern Marianas Housing Corp.'s planning team is asking the public for assistance in combating homelessness on the island.

The team is preparing a Point-In-Time survey, which canvases areas where homelessness is prevalent. The entire process should take the whole day on Jan. 27, 2017.

About 25 volunteers are needed to conduct the survey.

Zenie P. Mafnas, deputy corporate director for NMHC, said, "We're doing something to address homelessness on our island and the Point-In-Time survey is simply the first step."

NMHC staff have received training and have been working with other government and non-government agencies for the upcoming survey.

"The purpose of this sur-

NMHC to survey homelessness on Saipan

vey is to address the growing population of homeless people on island. We intend to find out more about the homelessness situation in order for us to check up on them first-hand and offer assistance in any way possible," Mafnas said.

A planner for the Emergency Solutions Grant, Jacob Muna said, "We are also ask-

ing the public to inform us with any information in regards to where homeless people usually accumulate. So if you think there is a certain location where homeless people usually head over for shelter, please give us a call."

NMHC is currently running the Emergency Solutions Grant. It entitles the organization a grant of \$74,000 every

year that it then dispenses, allowing homeless people or families to receive a guaranteed 10-month rental and utilities assistance.

The planning team is also preparing to apply for a Continuum of Care program grant to provide financial assistance to homeless or at-risk people as well as help fund operational shelters that support the

homeless.

"I believe Guam receives \$3 million to \$4 million for the COC and if Saipan can at least obtain a fourth of that, it would significantly help the people here," Mafnas said.

If interested in volunteering or to simply turn in information about the locations of homeless people, call Muna at 234-7689.

Rotary spends Thanksgiving with *man'amko*



MICHAEL T. SANTOS

The *man'amko* and Interact Club members share a table in fellowship during the Thanksgiving celebration by the Rotary Club at the Office on Aging on Nov. 29.

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The Rotary Club of Saipan prepared and presented their annual Thanksgiving treat for the *man'amko* yesterday at the Office on Aging.

Members of the Rotary Club of Saipan, joined by Interact and Rotaract members, helped ladle out food, played games, and joined in fellowship with the island's elderly.

Both Interact and Rotaract clubs encourage their members to go about and help serve the community. The Interact Club is for youth ages 12-18, while the Rotaract Club is meant for people 18 to 30 years of age.

Walter Manglona, director of the Office on Aging, said, "When it comes to inter-generation programs or inter-generation type of activity, being able to bring our elders with the youth is always a good thing. Our elders have this kind of responsibility to be the role models of the community and I just remind them that often, they are doing a great job."

"Every year we see Rotarians, and again, we're extremely grateful they are able to come no matter what; not to just host but to also spend time with our elders and show they care," Manglona said.

Due to several health concerns, alternative dishes were

also prepared yesterday.

"They do serve vegetables and stuff that are more on the leaner side. If the elderly want something that is extremely unhealthy, we always have other people around to advise our *man'amko* to only taste and not indulge," Manglona said.

Ivan Ilmov, president of the Rotary Club on Saipan, said, "The Rotary has been doing Thanksgiving with the Office on Aging for the past 25 years. Because we aim to always serve above self, we do it every year. We really appreciate the *man'amko* because they have been serving the community for many years and we would like to pay them back."

More than 45 Interact members from Kagman, around 20 from Marianas High School, Rotaract members from Northern Mariana College, and over 30 Rotary members joined yesterday's outreach.

"Before we didn't have the [Interact Club]. We just established it three years ago.... When we serve at a young age, we can learn a lot of new things that would help make our world better in the long run," said Ilmov.

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BIRTHS

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for U.S. citizens,” suggested Santos.

Santos also reiterated the need for airlines to strictly enforce their flying restrictions to not only combat birth tourism, but also to avoid complications brought about by the unusual conditions of traveling when pregnant.

“Any airline caught in violation of such policy shall be penalized at the maximum, including revocation of its license to fly and/or incarceration if the infant is born with physical or mental defects due to airline screening radiation exposure, cabin pressure altitude or other health risks associated when travelling during

pregnancy,” she said.

House Federal and Foreign Affairs Committee chair Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) thinks that CHCC numbers calls for concern mostly on the possibility that certain tour agency establishments offer these kinds of services as a package to those who can afford it.

“The numbers are very concerning. Still, we would like to have more concrete data on exactly how many of these births from foreign parents are really tourist births by definition—meaning they came in here as tourists for the purpose of giving birth,” he said.

Demapan said that meetings with U.S. Customs and Border Protection have brought up the topic for discussion. The only hindrance to CBP

is the amendment of the law without discriminating against pregnant women. Demapan reiterated that changing the language of the law would affect all Chinese tourists, not just the pregnant.

“It is very concerning that this parity [between Chinese and other ethnicities] is very large, but I’ve had several meetings with the CBP. There are a lot of things that come into play here,” he said.

“Obviously, there are federal and local laws, and we walk this fine line discriminating against pregnant travel, so we can’t just turn travelers away just because they are pregnant. However, what we can look at from an immigration standpoint is in the amount of time that travelers are allowed to be in the CNMI, we have to

compare that time to the term of the pregnancy,” said Demapan, referring to possible solutions.

“The big question is how do we make a decision that is aimed at curbing this circumvention of the law, but also ensure that that decision is not discriminating. That is one of the hardships the CBP is experiencing—making that call to ensure that there is no discrimination because in the end, that policy may backfire. There are human rights advocates and there are human rights that need to be followed,” he added.

Demapan thinks that the CNMI government is at a disadvantage because of this.

“The local government right now is in a difficult position because we can’t make

any policies on the immigration side relating to the entry of these foreign nationals into American soil,” he said.

House Federal and Foreign Affairs Committee member Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) mentioned that payment for the medical services is to be paid for prior to the processing of papers by CHCC.

“Before [CHCC] issues the birth certificate, they make sure that these individuals that were provided services pay for the billing, which is over thousands of dollars. That is the latest in-house policy of CHCC. You need the birth certificate to create the passport for the child. Without that, there is no way you can apply for a U.S. passport for the child,” he said.

A federal law known as the

Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, or EMTALA mandates CHCC to offer aid to those in need, regardless of status or lack of insurance.

“There are laws in place that [CHCC] cannot decline services. Despite having no insurance, there is a law that the lone hospital has to provide services to anybody. However, they can provide in-house policies before providing the necessary documents such as the birth certificate. They have every right to make sure that such a patient is required to pay all the dues for the services that were provided for the patient,” said Sablan.

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GPPC

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the procedures and standards of review required by the Administrative Procedure Act. He alleges that the GPPC suit seeks to challenge an adverse ruling of CPA’s Appeals Committee requiring GPPC to remove and replace defective work on the runway.

Because GPPC is asking the court to overturn a decision rendered in the course of CPA’s dispute process without bringing an action for judicial review under the CAPA to do so, the court is without jurisdiction to consider the complaint, Torres said.

GPPC entered into a contract with CPA on Sept. 18,

2009, for the rehabilitation of Runway 7/25 at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The project consists of rehabilitating Runway 7/25 including milling of the existing runway, taxiway, blast pad and shoulder pavements, new asphalt concrete overlay, grooving of the new asphalt and the marking of asphalt surfaces.

The project also includes restoration of Taxiway “A,” replacement of runway edge lights and guidance signs, and the installation of lighted wind cones.

CPA contracted with Hofschneider Engineering LLC for construction management and project engineering services.

As project engineer, con-

struction manager and designer of record for modifications to the plans and specifications during the project, Hofschneider Engineering is the agent and representative of CPA for virtually all aspects of the project.

GPPC began work on the project in January 2010. Because of a delay in necessary Federal Aviation Administration approvals, asphalt milling and paving did not actually start until Jan. 7, 2011.

Hanson stated in the complaint that, on May 19, 2011, with about 55 percent of paving work completed, HE put the project on hold in order for HE to redesign the asphalt thickness and placement plan to be used in the project. During the same period, HE also

redesigned the asphalt job mix formula.

In August 2012, the redesign of the new asphalt thickness and job mix formula was approved and work recommenced on Runway 7/25.

Hanson said from Aug. 15, 2012, to May 13, 2013, GPPC re-paved Runway 7/25, as modified and under the constant supervision of HE. Daily tests of newly placed asphalt were performed.

Hanson said that grooving of the asphalt on Runway 7/25 began approximately 30 days after each section of new asphalt was placed.

Hanson said GPPC, however, began to observe isolated instances of spalling in recently grooved areas of asphalt were occurring, but then spall-

ing would cease over time as the asphalt had the necessary time to cure.

The lawyer said there was no other reliable indication why such spalling was occurring in the newly grooved asphalt.

GPPC then began to advocate a 90-day cure period for new asphalt prior to grooving.

Hanson said HE rejected that suggestion, insisting on a 30-day cure period and immediate grooving.

Hanson said HE began to take notice that grooved areas of Runway 7/25 and a few high stress areas of its grooved taxiways were exhibiting signs of groove failure that included groove edge crumbling and asphalt spalling.

On May 24, 2013, HE suspended the grooving of asphalt due to spalling and groove failure.

At the time, some 75 percent of grooving was completed.

HE and CPA believed the spalling related to the physical appearance of asphalt in place and demanded that GPPC remove and replace areas of asphalt the HE determined had a coarse surface texture.

In July 2013, CPA ordered GPPC to remove and replace “deficient areas” of the asphalt paving at GPPC’s own expense and to submit a construction plans.

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and to increase the salary ceiling for classified civil service government employees and to amend 1 CMC 8244 and 1 CMC 1271 to increase the compensation” of all elected officials.

Public Law 19-51 created the Advisory Commission on Elected Official Compensation with Sens. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan), Reps. Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), former Senate president Pete P. Reyes, Office of the Governor’s special assistant for management and budget Virginia C. Villagomez, and Saipan Chamber of Commerce secretary Alex A. Sablan as members.

The commission reviewed the compensation of the governor, lieutenant governor, the mayors, legislators, justices, judges, and other appointed government officials. The commission completed and transmitted their report early this month where they recommend-

ed increasing the salaries of the governor, lieutenant governor, mayors, and legislators.

Compensation

The CNMI Constitution set the governor’s compensation at \$20,000 per annum, \$18,000 for the lieutenant governor and legislators at \$8,000 when it was ratified in 1977. The compensation could be changed only once every four years, as recommended by a law-established Advisory Commission.

The First Commonwealth Legislature established the annual salaries of mayors at \$12,000, chief judge at \$44,000, and associate judge at \$38,000. Their salaries increased for the first time in 1985 when PL 4-32 was enacted.

The salaries under PL 4-32 that was signed into law by then-governor Pedro Tenorio on April 1, 1985, set the salaries of governor (\$50,000), lieutenant governor (\$40,000), legislators (\$30,000), mayors (\$21,000), chief judge (\$50,000), and associate judges (\$44,000).

It was on June 19, 1991, through PL 7-31, where it in-

creased for the last time for elected officials. The governor’s salary increased to \$70,000, lieutenant governor to \$60,000, legislators to \$39,300, mayors to \$43,200, chief justice to \$82,200, associate justices at \$79,000, presiding judge at \$76,600, and associate judges at \$72,400 per annum.

PL 8-15 raised the salaries of the Judiciary: \$130,000 for chief justice, \$126,000 for associate justices, \$123,000 for the presiding judge, and \$120,000 for associate judges.

HB 19-3, as recommended by the Advisory Commission, would raise the governor’s annual salary to \$120,000 while the lieutenant governor will get \$100,000 and mayors at \$75,000. Legislators would get an annual compensation of \$70,000.

Voting in the negative

Five members of the minority bloc voted against the passing of HB 19-3. Rep. B.J. Attao (Ind-Saipan), Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), Vinnie F. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), and Ralph N. Yumul (Ind-Saipan)

voted in the negative, saying the government should first settle its other obligations instead of increasing the salaries of all elected officials.

They questioned the constitutionality of the bill where the title should only have one subject. Article II Section 5-B of the CNMI Constitution states that “a bill shall be confined to one subject except for bills for appropriations or bills for the codification, revision or rearrangement of existing laws.

Attao said HB 19-3 is not a non-funded liability. “On top of that, the legal counsel was asked a question whether it is constitutional or not with the two language and two for the purpose of one legislation and he admitted that it was two subjects. We rely on the counsel’s opinion in a lot of issues but salary is not one of them obviously.”

Propst added that it should be 5 percent across the board, which is the same increase civil servants would be getting once HB 19-209 is enacted into law. The House also passed HB 19-209 during the session.

“I felt that we should not

have this as a rider or an amendment. In my personal opinion, it should have been separate [bill]. I was concerned about the amount of the increase, because while we gave civil servants a 5-percent increase, we’re giving ourselves an 80-percent increase. That doesn’t seem very fair.”

He said the government still has a lot of debts and obligations that needs to be settled, like the families that are medical malpractice victims and those owed land compensation. “We still have so many agencies that are underfunded and have been asking for more money.”

“I understand that we have not gotten an increase since 1991, but what do we say to the police officers, for example, that are only making \$8 an hour and not receiving night differential or hazard pay? How do we as public officials go to them and say ‘we’re sorry we can’t give you an increase but we’re going to give ourselves an 80-percent increase,’” Propst said.

Sablan supported Propst’s statement, adding that the timing of the proposed increase is inappropriate. “Of course, ev-

eryone could justify the need for an increase but the timing of the increase is bad. There’s the Public School System and other obligations. Maybe it would be more justifiable if everyone will be receiving the adjustments.”

“Right now, I could not decide to give myself an increase while seeing that the others are still waiting for theirs. For example, I’ve been asking [law] enforcement officers if they received anything and they said they still have not. We have to take care of everybody else, from the bottom up. When that’s done, let’s make ourselves happy.”

Villagomez said the increase could have been gradual. “Maybe a little more gradual is acceptable to vote, compared to a big jump like this. We have other obligations in the government that we should take care of first.”

“Settling debts, salary increases for those who are not making the kind of salary that we’re getting. Or even like what managers or supervisors are getting. To be fair, it should be across the board,” added Villagomez.

Demapan to resume talks with businesses on wage hike

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Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said he would continue to engage the business sector in consultations and talks to discuss the legislation he introduced at the House of Representatives. The Precinct 1 representative authored House Bill 19-187 that aims to raise the CNMI minimum wage directly to the federal level of \$7.25 an hour.

The CNMI minimum wage increased from \$6.05 to \$6.55 last September and is expected to rise again by another \$0.50 next year until it reaches the federal level of \$7.25 in 2019. Demapan said he introduced HB 19-187 based on his talks with various sectors of the community.

"The \$7.25 legislation was a result of consultations with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the administration, and based on data supporting that this was the right time to increase the minimum wage," Demapan, the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism vice chair, told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said they would also continue to look into the concerns of the small business owners. "We are going to continue to engage the business community, continue with the dialogues and engage them in consultations. We understand some small businesses have come forward and raised their concerns. And we are going to look at those concerns very carefully."

Before the minimum wage increased to \$6.55 an hour last September, Chamber president Velma Palacios said mom and pop stores were among the businesses that could not afford the \$0.50-cent increase. Their opera-

tions would be affected if they would immediately increase the hourly rate of their employees, Palacios said.

Demapan said the final decision for his minimum wage bill would be based on what is best for the people of the CNMI. "But ultimately the final decision will be based on everybody's concerns. The best decision and policy is to ensure that the people in the community would benefit from it."

The increase in the minimum wage to \$6.55 an hour also forced business owners to raise the prices of basic commodities and other goods. Demapan said that is normal since employees could still afford it with their current salary.

"Yes, we are seeing increases in the prices of goods at the stores, but the employees earning the minimum wage also have that increase to [offset] whatever increase there is in the prices of basic goods and commodities," added Demapan.

The House Ways and Means Committee had been reviewing the amendments made by the Senate on HB 19-187. The House passed the measure and it went to the Senate where they made some amendments. Once the bill, with amendments, passes, it will head to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for signing.

Salary range

One way that the CNMI government and the business sector could look at is having a salary range for each job category, a practice now being followed by three U.S. territories—American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Guam's minimum wage is \$8.25, \$1 higher than the federal rate.

American Samoa's mini-

mum wage rate is divided for its 16 industries, from \$4.58 to \$5.99 broken down into \$4.58 for garment manufacturing; \$4.60 for miscellaneous activities; \$4.81 for government, \$4.90 for hotel; \$5.00 for retail, wholesale, and warehouse; bottling, brewing, and

dairy workers receive \$5.09 an hour; \$5.16 for fish canning and processing; \$5.23 for private hospitals and educational institutions; \$5.40 for printing; \$5.38 for tourism and travel; \$5.41 for ship maintenance; \$5.50 for construction; \$5.53 for publishing; \$5.75 for pe-

troleum; \$5.89 for finance and insurance.

Shipping and transportation has three classes with those in A (stevedoring, lighterage, and maritime shipping agency activities) getting \$5.99; B (unloading fish) \$5.82; and C (other activities), \$5.78.

Puerto Rico also varies by industry from \$5.08 to \$7.25 while the U.S. Virgin Islands too follows the federal rate of \$7.25 an hour except for businesses that have an annual gross receipt of less than \$150,000 where \$6.90 is used.



SAYONARA PARTY

Saipan students that participated in the Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai Japan trip pose for a group photo with coordinators along with host family members in Japan on Nov. 13. A total of 10 students participated in the 33rd study trip to Japan. The students, all mixed in terms of age, gender, and schools, departed for Narita airport on Nov. 9 and returned to Saipan on Nov. 15.

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ATV route eyed in Sadog Tasi, Rapugao area

A company is planning a route for an all-terrain vehicle tour in the Sadog Tasi, Rapugao area on Capital Hill. The project is worth \$80,000.

A company known as Crystal Star Corp., which aims to do business as a mountain ATV rental establishment, has submitted a conditional use application with the Commonwealth Zoning Board.

After being temporarily held off by the Zoning board due to the ATV/UTV business being tagged as "unregulated" last December 2015, the issue is now being revisited at the suggestion of Zoning Board vice chair Bruce Bateman in early October 2016.

Crystal Star Corp. plans

to do business at the end of Laguna St. in the Sadog Tasi and Rapugao areas, near the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Maui IV water tank on Capital Hill.

The property has an existing house, a carport, and a garage.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to obtain comments from property owner Yin Nu Cai.

The property has a site area of 81,598 square meters.

The board, led by Zoning board chair Diego Blanco, would be conducting a public hearing at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School cafeteria this Dec. 1 to establish whether or not the application would be approved. (Erwin Encinares)



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REPORTER

The Division of Customs Services collected a total of \$43.3 million in taxes for fiscal year 2016, a 24.9-percent jump from fiscal year 2015 that amounted to \$32.5 million.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said the more than \$10-million increase offsets

the decline in other revenue categories of the government.

She said imports and revaluations of goods and other commodities contributed to the increase. "[This] is largely due to increased imports, interceptions and revaluations of undeclared and undervalued taxable commodities as well as increased collection on accounts with balances that were once outstand-

ing," Larson said.

Larson added the division, which is also in charge of controlling the flow of goods, would continue to innovate and update their personnel to maintain their efficiency in fulfilling their duties.

A new batch of Customs officers was admitted to the division after the sixth cycle finished their basic training.

The sixth cycle, then cadets, and customs officers, were also taught the proper way of searching and seizing items, and were made to understand probable cause, in a seminar conducted by Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

Last month, Oceania Customs Organization operations manager Tevita Tupuo

conducted a weeklong training on improved law enforcement, border security, and enhanced trade and revenue management.

This was among the innovations that division director Jose C. Mafnas earlier discussed, and he said more training and seminars will be given to all customs officers to update their skills in protecting the CNMI's borders.

Money laundering, drugs, and human trafficking were among the challenges that the division is facing right now.

Larson said training is part of her department's long-term goal as visitor arrivals increase. "Our revenues are increasing and all this training is part of the long-term

goal to continue to meet the increasing demand of visitor arrivals and our preparation to properly protect and monitor our ports of entry as well as ensuring accurate taxation collection at all points of entry."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the division plays a crucial role in safeguarding the CNMI's borders and its continuous development.

"We have to be mindful of the current trends of importations and I am confident that we will continue to equip our borders to safeguard our Commonwealth. As we continue to improve the economy and increase efficiency, we hope to sustain our resources and increase these efforts moving forward."

King: Man convicted of crime that no longer existed then

A Bangladeshi national who was found deportable from the CNMI based on his 2011 conviction of marriage fraud was actually convicted of a crime that no longer existed at that time, according to Bashar's new counsel, Janet H. King.

King said that Mohammad A. Bashar's conviction is invalid for lack of jurisdiction and violates his constitutional right to due process and effective assistance of counsel.

Bashar, through King, filed last week a motion asking the Superior Court to set aside his plea and vacate his conviction and sentence.

King said she only recently discovered the error and has brought the motion at the earliest opportunity.

Bashar's motion will be heard before Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja on Dec. 15 at 1:30pm.

King said that Bashar's plea, conviction, and sentence should be set aside as invalid because they are based on a statute that had already been repealed.

Bashar pleaded *nolo contendere* (no contest) to marriage fraud—under 3 CMC Section 4366—in February 2011. The court accepted his plea and a judgment of conviction was entered shortly thereafter.

King said 3 CMC Section

4366 was repealed in February 2010—a year before the plea.

King said Bashar's prior attorney failed to advise Bashar that the statute had been repealed.

"These errors resulted in prejudice to Bashar, who was convicted and sentenced under the repealed statute and is being subjected to im-

migration removal proceedings," the lawyer said.

King said Bashar's other retained lawyer in his removal case also never advised him about the repealed statute.

Last July, King brought Bashar's case to the U.S. Supreme Court as the defendant insisted that he was innocent

of the charges and that he was provided ineffective assistance of counsel.

King said her purpose is to correct a manifest injustice to Bashar resulting from his plea and conviction for marriage fraud, after the statute criminalizing marriage fraud had been repealed. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



PIMP MY CUPCAKE

Contestants of a cupcake decorating competition design their designated cupcakes during the Death by Chocolate fundraiser held by the CNMI Salvation Army at the Hyatt Regency Saipan on Nov. 26.

MICHAEL T. SANTOS

Filipinos in NMI join protest vs Marcos hero's burial

Hundreds of Filipino-Americans will stage protests in various cities of the United States in solidarity with Filipinos in the Philippines and overseas as an expression of outrage and to denounce the secretive burial of the late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos at a hero's cemetery in Manila last Nov. 18.

In the CNMI, Saipan and Tinian will join the protest. The protest on Saipan will be held starting 5pm today at the San Jose intersection along Beach Road. The protest on Tinian will also be held today, 5pm, at the San Jose Village.

Global protest details are as follows:

■ Los Angeles. Wednes-

day, Nov. 30, 2016, 4:30pm in front of Philippine Consulate, 3435 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

■ San Francisco. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, 11:30am, in front of the Philippine Consulate, 447 Sutter St., San Francisco, California.

■ New York. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, 11:30am, in front of the Philippine Consulate, New York City.

■ Chicago. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, 6pm to 8pm, Rizal Center, 1332 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago, Illinois.

■ Washington, D.C. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, 11:30 am, venue TBA

■ Vancouver, B.C. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016,

11:30am, PCG Office at Canada Place, Global Pinoy Diaspora, Canada.

■ Scotland. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, 12pm, Princess St. in front of Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh, Scotland, 12pm.

■ Hong Kong. South Lane, Shek Tong Tsui, no time

■ Ireland. Dublin, Ireland 12pm

■ Japan. Arizugawa, Koen Gazebo Area, Minami Azabu Minato Ku Tokyo, Japan 9m to 1pm

■ London. London, UK, Nov. 30, 4pm

■ Malta. Mostadome, Mosta Malta, 6:20pm

■ Sydney, Australia. Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016, 11am to 2pm, First Fleet Park, Circu-

lar Quay

The overseas protesters, including human rights victims and their families, demand that Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte order the exhumation of the remains of Marcos, that Duterte be held accountable for allegedly allowing the burial and for encouraging vigilante justice (as of November 2016, more than 5,000 people have been killed in the Philippines' drug war), to stop the impunity of extrajudicial killings in the guise of the anti-drug war in the Philippines, to stop Duterte's threats to relive the Marcos era by placing the country under martial law, and to respect human rights! (*PR*)

Rugby league in Fiji makes a commitment to ending violence against women

SUVA, Fiji—The Fiji Women's Crisis Center has signed a five-year memorandum of understanding with the National Rugby League and the Fiji National Rugby League to help them run a program that uses the sport's platform to prevent and end violence against women.

NRL's Voice Against Violence program, first launched in Australia, will be implemented in Fiji and the Pacific over the coming months, with players, officials and administrators receiving training on gender, violence against women and human rights.

FWCC coordinator Shamiima Ali said the organization is constantly looking for opportunities to work on the elimination of violence against women and using sport was an ideal way to target attitudinal and behavior change among young people.

"NRL works with young people and one of the best global prevention strategies is working with young people, particularly young men," Ali said. "This is the first time that we've had a formal arrangement and NRL has a program I see a lot of potential in."

Ellen Beale, NRL's general manager of community programs, said: "It is Rugby League's stance that violence against women and children is never acceptable.

"Our key messages are stand up, speak out and take action to contribute to the prevention of violence against women and children.

"Standing up for us is all about acknowledging that there is a serious issue in Australia, in Fiji, in the Pacific and globally. It's not an issue that is just affecting one particular community; it's affecting all of us and we've got a real opportunity to stand up and

acknowledge that. We've also got an opportunity to speak out."

Ruan Sims, the Jillaroos captain, who has Fijian heritage and is sister to the Sims brothers who played for the Fiji Bati, will help roll out the Voice Against Violence program in the Pacific.

"Rugby League, I believe, has a very powerful voice and we as rugby league players have a social responsibility to use that voice in the right way," Sims said.

"We can go to junior rugby league clubs and we can actually influence this next generation coming through. We can empower them regarding domestic violence. It's a social responsibility that I believe we have. It's a global issue but we can make a difference in our own backyard.

"With our slogan, 'stand up, speak out and talk action,' we empower them to do all these steps in a safe manner for themselves and all the people involved. It's about being socially responsible and using the voice that we have to bring about social change."

John Jewiss, NRL's Fiji in-country manager, acknowledges the FWCC as the specialists in the area of ending violence against women, saying it was important that the messages being sent out through the Voice Against Violence program were consistent.

FNRL chief executive Timoci Naleba said such initiatives in sports bodies were "most effective" and he was grateful to NRL and FWCC for partnering with them to implement it.

The FWCC will work with the NRL to incorporate local culture and context into the VAV program over the coming months. (*PR*)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Notice to all 2016 candidates, political parties

The staff of the Office of the Public Auditor will be on Rota on Dec. 5, 2016, and on Tinian on Dec. 7, 2016, to notarize and accept filings of campaign statement of account forms for the 2016 election candidates and political parties.

Filers on Rota may visit the Rota Mayor’s Office from 9am to 3pm on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016. Filers on Tinian may visit the Department of Commerce from 9am to 4pm on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016. Proper identification with both the photo and signature of the candidate and treasurer must be provided.

For any inquiries, contact OPA at 322-6481 or 6482. (PR)

Family grief support group to meet on Thursday

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding its monthly grief support meeting this Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. For more information, e-mail tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Jill Derickson (989-9821) or Donna Krum (783-1900). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. (TCF)

Hopwood sets PTSA meeting

Parents and guardians of Hopwood Middle School students are being informed that that their PTSA meeting and 2nd Quarter Mid-Progress Report

Day is on Nov. 30, 2016, from 4pm to 5pm. The administration and PTSA officers will be sharing reports about important school updates, and other vital information. From 5pm to 6pm, parents and guardians will report to their child’s teachers for a conference meeting and distribution of the 2nd quarter progress report cards. This will be an opportunity for both to discuss the academic and behavioral progress of the student with the teachers. (PR)

USCIS officer at SHRM’s December meeting

The CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management will meet on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Pacific Islands Club’s Charley’s and will feature Kamana Mathur, the community relations officer of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services-Pacific District. Mathur will provide an opportunity for questions. CW visas and H-2B visas will not be discussed at this meeting. All members of the community are invited to attend the meeting, which is from 11:30am to 2pm. The attendance fee is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-SHRM members. Register with Penny Jones by email at penny.jones@hyatt-saipan.com or contact Penny or Lany at 323-5867 or 323-5867. Seats are limited, but still available. (PR)

Military training on FDM

The U.S. military will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla until

Dec. 2, from 8am to 11:55pm. The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. (PR)

Chamber to host career exploration day

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its “2016 Career Exploration Day” on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016. High school juniors and seniors will choose a field of business they are interested in and will be paired with a participating cham-

ber business. Students will be recognized at the Saipan World Resort’s Royal Taga Hall during the chamber’s membership meeting on Dec. 7 at 12pm. For more information, call the chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipan-chamber.com. (SCC)

SHEFA deadlines

The SHEFA deadline for new application only is on Dec. 1, 2016. The deadline for all supporting documents is on Feb. 28, 2017. All documents must be complete and submitted at once. (SHEFA)

Sobriety checkpoints on Rota

The Department of Public Safety’s Traffic Section on Rota will be conducting sobriety checkpoints on:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016:**
 1. First setup: 7pm to 8:15pm, San Francisco Highway, Uyulan
 2. Second setup: 9pm to 10:15pm, San Francisco Highway, Sinalo 3 by the park
- **Friday, Dec. 2, 2016:**
 1. First setup: 7pm to 8:15pm San Francisco Highway, Lotgan
 2. Second setup: 9pm to 10:15pm San Francisco Highway, Sonton by Rota Hotel.
 3. Third setup: 11pm to 12:15am, San Francisco Highway by Pinatang Park.
- **Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016:**
 1. First setup: 7:30pm to 8:45pm, San Francisco Highway, Tatachog by the Mayor’s Office
 2. Second setup: 9:30pm to 10:45pm San Francisco Highway, Guata

Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour and 15 minutes). In addition, traffic and patrol officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrols, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser (speed detection) enforcement. (DPS)

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS


The United States Attorney’s Office for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands would like to notify the following businesses and/or individuals of the availability of unclaimed funds in the Court Registry. If you are named below, please contact Michelle Perez with the Financial Litigation Unit of the United States Attorney’s Office at (671) 479-4124 or michelle.perez@usdoj.gov within 30 days of this publication. Thereafter, all remaining funds for names listed with an asterisk (*) will be transferred to Unclaimed Funds of the Court Registry and no further notices will be provided.

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*ACOSTA OPTICAL
*ADAS INC
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*APRIL GIFT MART (MR. RHEE)
*APRIL GIFT SHOP
*AQUA SYSTEMS (MICHELLE VOLTA)
*ARIES CONSTRUCTION (LINDA HIGA)
*ARTECH BUILDERS (MAR MALLARI)
*ASIA CENTER (CM SHEN or ROBERT SUN)
*AURINGS CREATION (AURELIA V. GARCIA)
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*AUTO SERVICE CENTER OF GUAM (DUC CHUNG DAO)
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*BELLA DONNA RESTAURANT
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*BROTHERS AUTO SERVICE (TONY KIM)
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*CHOI’S IRONWORKS
*CHONGS CORPORATION (JOANNA C. PAI)
*CHOS AUTO REPAIR SHOP (MR. CHO)
*CHUNG NAM CORPORATION
*CHUS AUTO REPAIR SHOP
*CONSTRUCTION AND POWER SOURCES (EDWARD ANULAO)
*COOL GIFT (PAT SOTTO)
*COSTA GENERAL CONSTRUCTION (JOSEPH M. COSTA)
*D&C JEWELRY (DALMARIO FELIPE or CARMELITA DALMACIO)
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*DOMINIC & ASSOCIATES INC (MR. KIM)
*EDISON ELECTRIC (ED ILAO)
*EDUARDOS RESTAURANT AND FAST FOOD (REGINA MANUEL)
*EDWARD CONSTRUCTION CO (EDWARD FERNANDEZ)
*ENGLES APPLIANCE PARTS (PETER GILL)
*ENZOS VIDEO (ENZO TURRINI & DAISY TURRINI)
*EXPOSE IT (MIMA PELLETIER)
*EXPRESSIVE LINE (ARNOLD KONDO)
*EXTRA PRETTY BOUTIQUE (LUPE MESA)
*FAME INC (I-CHING ESPINOZA)
*FANCI BOUTIQUE (JENNIFER N. LEE)
*FIFTH AVENUE MART (MR. DANGARAN)
*FIRST FLORAL
*FIRST SHOPPING CENTER
*FLOWER POTS (BARBARA & ELEAZAR BAKING)
*FOREMOST FOODS (PAULINE B. BURGER)
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*GARDEN MOTEL


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*GINOS
*GUAM AUTOMOTIVE CLINIC INC (ALBERT T. PARKE)
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*GUAM PACIFIC ENTERPRISES (SEDFREY M. LINSANGAN)
*GUAM PI AUTO REPAIR
*GUAM SUPERMARKET (KIVON LEE)
*GUAMERICA TRAVEL AGENCY (CATALINA PAULINO)
*HALE KAI RESTAURANT
*HANS APPLIANCE REPAIR
*HARMON BRAKE SHOE BONDING (MODESTA PANGILINAN)
*HARMON GIFT SHOP (BYUNG KWAN PARK)
*HARUNA RESTAURANT (SUK HARUNA)
*HEE HO STORE
*HOLLYWOOD GIFT SHOP (TAE HONG MIN)
*HOUSE OF GINZA (JANE BOGNAR)
*HUANG BAKERY
*IDAS SPORTING GOODS
*IKES MARKET AND LAUNDROMAT
*IMMANUEL AUTO BODY SHOP (IMMANUEL CHOI)
*IMPERIAL GIFT SHOP
*INTERNATIONAL GOLD AND JEWELRY
*INTERNATIONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT CO (MAHRI PIERSON)
*INVESTMENT INTERNATIONAL INC
*ISLAND CERAMICS INC (BARBARA MCCARRON)
*ISSIN RESTAURANT(IIZUKA)
*J.C. MARKETING (ENIRQUE A. CANOVAS)
*J.C. MOTOR WORK (JOE CARBON)
*J.J. MOVING SERVICE INC (JOHN MASON)
*J’S JEWELRY
*JAPAN FOOD SUPERMARKET (AKIRA INOUE)
*JERRY’S (PATRICIA R. PERRY)
*JIN YANG CONSTRUCTION (YOUNG K. PARK)
*JMI MOTOR AND BEARING SUPPLY (ED ILAO)
*JOHNSON-AIRE SUPPLY (BEN S. DEGAYO)
*JOINUS CONSTRUCTION
*JOY TAXI (BOBBY OLAYA)
*K LAND MART (WONG KY)
*KAM CORPORATION
*KARATS (CARMEN CALVO)
*KAUTZ AND SONS GLASS CO INC
*KAUTZ GLASS CO
*KIM CHEE STORE (C/O GEORGE M. BUTLER)
*KIM YEN CORPORATION
*KOKO GIFT MART
*KOKO MART
*KOREAN NEWS (BOO KEN OH)
*KOREAN WEEKLY NEWS
*KWIK KAR KARE AUTO SERVICE
*KYONG MARKET (SIMON KOK)
*L & E ENTERPRISES
*L&K INTERNATIONAL (JOE HWAN LEE)
*LANDSCAPERS MICRONESIA CORPORATION (PABLO B. MENDOZA)
*LARRY AND ELLEN ENTERPRISES (LARRY DO)
*LAWN CARE
*LBC ENTERPRISES (LARRY B. CATALSAN)
*LEA INTERNATIONAL
*LEES CONSTRUCTION (MR. LEE)
*LEES FASHION AND LEES CURTAIN
*LEIS FASHION
*LK INTERNATIONAL INC
*LOTUS CREATION (NIKO YU)
*LUZ’S CLOTHING (LUZ BABAUTA)
*MACHECHE MART (BERT)
*MAES STORE (ROMANA M. ELOMINA)
*MAGIC HILL STORE
*MA-KO CORPORATION (HAM KIARM)
*MAMMYS BOUTIQUE
*MANGILAO RETAIL STORE

(FUMITAKE KAJIYAMA)
*MANILA AUTO REPAIR INC (FERNANDO CABUHAT)
*MARIAN E HERNANDEZ
*MARIANAS HANDICRAFT (MARINA PIZARRO)
*MARIANAS TRAVEL AGENCY
*MARTHAS RETAIL SHOP INC
*MEENAS (VASHI B. HEMLANI)
*MERCURY MARKETING (COLONEL DIZON)
*MICRO FIL SUPPLIES (LITO R. NUCUM)
*MIKES JEWELRY
*MINOTS SNACK SALES (MIKE MINO)
*MISAMIS CONSTRUCTION (ROBBIE LADD)
*MODERN STATIONARY AND TRADING CO
*MR COOK RESTAURANT (MARK OKU)
*N.R. VIDEO WORLD (PERLA PASCUA)
*NATIONAL OFFICE SUPPLY
*NELLYS STORE
*NEW MILADY’S (PILAR GREEN)
*NEW SUN MARKET
*(TIMOTHY SUNG SIK OH)
*NORTHERN PACIFIC ENTERPRISE (EVELYN MONTOYA or PILAR VILLANUEVA)
*OKINAWA RESTAURANT
*OLYMPIA MARKET
*ORIENTAL RESTAURANT (PYUNG KWON RO or MYONG SIK NO)
*P&Q AUTO REPAIR SHOP (VEDASTO PAN)
*PACIFIC BASIN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS (RONALD STRONG)
*PACIFIC DAIKEN CO LTD
*PACIFIC ELECTRICAL SUPPLY INC
*PACIFIC PRODUCE CORPORATION
*PAUL’S GUAM INTERNATIONAL (JIM SACHDEV)
*PAULINOS ENTERPRISES (FRANK PAULINO)
*PDHEMLANI
*PESCO (CRAIG PERRY)
*PHILIPPINE GOODS CONSTRUCTION
*PHOTO TOWN
*PLAYBOY GIFT SHOP (HOLLY LEE)
*POLLYS HOUSE OF FABRICS (POLLY AMISTAD)
*PRIMO SURF (LINDA YU)
*PROLINE (JOHN SHEN)
*PYRAMID METAL (ERIC SHUEH)
*QUEEN WORLD GUAM CO (PAT MIYAZI)
*QUEENS JEWELRY (ROBERT K. SHOECCRAFT)
*QUIN KIM CONSTRUCTION
*R&G DANGCA MOTORWORKS
*RADHIS FABRIC SHOP (RADHI HEMLANI)
*RADHIS ONE STOP FABRIC SHOP (P.D. HEMLANI)
*R&RMART
*RJs VIDEO
*RMS CARPETING (RAYMOND DEDEVOISE)
*ROACH BUSTERS PEST CONTROL CO (DAVE HART)
*ROMANA MELOMINA
*ROSARIOS CONSULTANT SERVICE (RICHARD F. ROSARIO)
*ROSHI’S (SUNIL BUXANI)
*ROXYS BOUTIQUE SHOP
*ROYAL MART (MR. LEE)
*SABLAN CONSTRUCTION CO (KARL T. REYES)
*SABLAN TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL
*SAIPAN SHOOTING RANGE (RENATO GIRON AZUCENAS)
*SAM CORPORATION
*SAM HO TRADING CO INC
*SANTOS AND SONS
*SCHOOL OF SELF DEFENSE (BENJAMIN GALARPE)
*SELWYNS JEWELRY AND GIFTS (JAMES WONG)
*SERVICE ELECTRONICS INC

(MR. KIM)
*SHENS FURNITURE
*SIGNS AND SYMBOLS CO INC (MARIO V. TAN)
*SK AUTO PARTS
*SK INTERNATIONAL AUTO PARTS (MR. CHU)
*SKILL INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
*SMART FURNITURE (KWONG LONG TAI)
*SPEEDWAY MACHINE SHOP (BERNARDO DE VERA)
*STAR SECURITY AGENCY INC
*SUNFLOWER BOUTIQUE (MIKE THOMPSON)
*SUNNY MARKET
*TADOTSU SAIPAN CO LTD
*THE CARPET STORE
*THE COLLECTION
*THE NEW EMPORIUM (JEROME D. GUTHERZ)
*TICK TOCK
*TRENDS BY MICHAEL PAUL (MILA CHUN or JOSE M. PEREZ)
*TROPICAL COLOR CENTER (TORU SUZUKI)
*TROPICAL TANNING SALON
*U.M. ELECTRONICS (KWANG IL)
*UNITED CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION (HYEW D. JANG)
*UTTAMS (PUNITA UTTAMCHANDANI)
*VDONALDS MART - FATIMA MOBIL
*WAH CONSTRUCTION
*WATERFORD WEDGEWOOD (MR. TANAKA)
*WILLLY’S APPLIANCE SERVICE (WILFREDO S RASING)
*WILLYS GIFT SHOP
*WON CONSTRUCTION (WON HO LEE)
*Y TANOTA REALTY
*YOUNGS EQUIPMENT RENTAL
*YURI CONSTRUCTION CO
K STORE
ROYAL AMOR
*KAIFENG CHAI
*SHILU MAO
STATE STREET BANK
FASHION AVENUE
LF MARKET
ST. MICHAEL’S
*LIN MEI HUANG AND CHUA YEOW CHUE
*MD. ASHIK ELAHI
MICHELLE MAI HOM
*STATE STREET BANK
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Division of Historic Preservation, under the auspices of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, hereby give notice that the Special Historic Preservation Review Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., over at the Office on Aging Center’s Conference Room, located across the Garapan Central Park.

Interested individuals are invited to attend.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes from November 3, 2016 Board Meeting

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Saipan Adventure Tours LLC Zip Line Project, Marpi Area, Saipan

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. OTHER MATTERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ **Pedro A. Duenas**
Chairman, CNMI HPO Review Board

Fomho' is a fish

What's the difference between *pipipu* and *fomho'*, and why use the word *afulo'* instead of *fanihen tasi*?

If you recognize that these words refer to *Saurida gracilis* (lizardfish), *Stegastes nigricans* (farmer fish), and *Aetobatus narinari* (eagle spotted ray), then you may have attended the University of Guam Sea Grant's fish identification workshop, Nã'an Guihan Siha-Chamorro Fish I.D., on Nov. 19.

Held at Ipao Point's Sagan Kotturan Chamoru, the interactive session attracted participants across the age spectrum, from toddlers to seniors.

Dr. Frank Camacho of the University of Guam's College of Natural & Applied Sciences' Biology program, and Jeremy Cepeda, Chamorro teacher from Simon Sanchez High School, gave presentations about fish taxonomy, scientific naming systems, and Chamorro words for fish typically found in Tumon Bay.

Both Camacho and Cepeda emphasized that of the two classification systems, neither one is more important, and neither is better than the other. The naming systems serve different purposes, complement each other, and are useful in distinct ways.

For example, scientific names are derived from Latin or Greek and can refer to species' physical characteristics or locations where they are found. These highly specific and ordered names help international and lay researchers reference species of interest, which is important when everyone speaks a different language.

Chamorro names for fish, on the other hand, can refer to physical characteristics, life stages, and size. These sorts of distinctions are useful in determining when a fish is optimal to catch and eat.

The workshop also provided a venue to test out a Sea Grant-developed educational tool,

Tãsi Bingo. Each card uses images from Dave Burdick's website, GuamReefLife.com, and players match "calls" in Chamorro to the correct picture. Participants received newly revised waterproof species ID cards from the Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans to help them reinforce their newly acquired fish knowledge.

"It's one thing to memorize lists of words," said workshop

» UOG Sea Grant workshop uses Chamorro, scientific naming systems

coordinator Marie Auyong of UOG Sea Grant. "It's another to visualize what the words mean, and that visualization really reinforces the memorization

process. My biggest hope is that people, while learning the words, are inspired to get in the water and put their knowledge to use."

Auyong said she was most proud of two workshop components: that community members helped to organize the event, and that participants created a supportive environment in which to practice Chamorro.

On the Thursday before the workshop, John F. Kennedy High School service learning students cleaned up the center.



TREVOR BOYKIN
Dr. Frank Camacho explains taxonomy to an audience of 24 community members at the Sagan Kotturan Chamoru.

Auyong credits JFK science teacher Carolyn Haruo as "a superior role model in showing how to work hard, take initiative, and love learning." Volunteers from the center's caretaking organization, Inadahen I Lina'la, also contributed significant logistics support.

UOG SEA GRANT
Bingo cards helped participants practice their Chamorro pronunciation.

The UOG Sea Grant is one of 33 Sea Grant programs nationwide and receives funding support from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. Sea Grant supports extension, research, and education work in coastal communities. (UOG)



TREVOR BOYKIN
A high school participant checks his fish ID card against a species list from UOG Sea Grant.



Isla Center for the Arts presents Creative Hands

The Isla Center for the Arts at the University of Guam is proud to announce the opening of the exhibition *Works by Local Artists* on Dec. 1, 2016. This biennial exhibition will be the 13th in a series of juried exhibits since 1992 sponsored by the Isla Center for the Arts.

The Isla Center for the Arts received 179 entries from 26 artists for consideration. Dr. Paula Ray, the juror for this display, selected 28 works of art created by 16 artists.

Paula Ray holds a Ph.D. in New Media Studies from the University of Auckland, an M.A. in International Communication from the University of Leeds, an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Calcutta, and a B.A. in Political Science from St. Xavier's College. She is currently a senior lecturer at the Ntec Tertiary Group in New Zealand. Previous positions include freelance journalist, with published articles in *BBC* and *Forbes*, associate editor of *Indian Weekender* as well as graphic designer and technical editor.

The exhibition consists of a variety of media including digital photographs, watercolor and acrylic paintings,

ceramic pieces, and mixed media compositions.

The selected artists include: Monica Baza, John Dierking, Mariah Edquilane, Judy Flores, Dora Herrero, Sarah Johnson, Snow Kowatch, Yasuko Kurakawa, Snyder Macaraeg, Richard Olmo, Robin Olmo, Yeon Sook Park, Dawn Lees Reyes, Robert Sajnovsky, Jay Sullivan, and Olympia Terral.

Creative Hands: Selected Works by Local Artists opens on Dec. 1, 2016, and will be on exhibit through Feb. 3, 2017. The Isla Center for the Arts is open to the public, free of charge, Monday through Friday from 10am to 5pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Groups are cordially invited to call the Isla Center at 735-2965 to schedule tours of the exhibit.

There will be an opening reception on Dec. 1, from 6pm to 9pm. The public is invited.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, A Division of the Department of Chamorro Affairs, Government of Guam, Office of the Governor, and the University of Guam. (UOG)

Mariana Ocean to make Hãfa Adai Pledge

The Guam Visitors Bureau announced yesterday that Mariana Ocean will take the Hãfa Adai Pledge at The Plaza Shopping Center in Tumon on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 10:30am. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony and light *merienda* served immediately following the signing.

Mariana Ocean is a cosmetic brand born from the Mariana Islands. The store made its debut on Saipan in 2104 with handmade soaps, hand creams

and lip butters with over 50 scents and flavors. Over 70 types of soap are meticulously handmade one by one and are aged for a month by traditional cold process recipe and technique. Mariana Ocean focuses on combining natural plant ingredients and essential oils used for healing (naturopathy) called *silhana*. By utilizing a variety of active ingredients extracted from the ancient native herbs, flowers, plants

and rich minerals drawn from the sea around the Mariana Trench, these cosmetic products improve skin disorders and encourage the awakening of the natural power of your skin. Mariana Ocean takes pride in using natural remedies transmitted from ancient times, combining base oils such as coconut and palm oils with essential oils creating healing effects on your skin.

The Hãfa Adai Pledge pro-

gram is a cornerstone of the Guam Visitors Bureau's local community branding campaign. Since its inception in 2009, the Hãfa Adai Pledge program has grown steadily both in numbers of participants as well as the content of individual pledges. To date over 600 private businesses, government agencies, nonprofits and other organizations have joined the Hãfa Adai Pledge program. (GVB)

Island Snapshots



ONLINE PAYMENTS

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The Department of Finance is strengthening its electronic data processing division, which maintains the CNMI Tax System, Election Commission Registration System and JD Edwards Financial Management System. Currently, EDP is working on an online payment system in conjunction with the Department of Commerce and other agencies to allow online tax payments and other services electronically.



DONATION

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First lady Diann Torres, through the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, donates turkeys to the Salvation Army's Soup Kitchen on Thanksgiving Day.



NEW MTEC BOARD MEMBERS

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Kanoa Resort director of Operations Glenn Policare, center, attends the commencement rites of Northern Marianas Trades Institute in September 2016. Policare was recently elected as a board member of the Marianas Tourism Education Council.



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Integrity Communications owner Catherine Perry Harris quizzes students at Garapan Elementary School following the presentation "Tourism is Everybody's Business" on Oct. 29, 2014. Perry Harris was recently elected as a board member of MTEC.



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Marianas Tourism Education Council chair Vicky Benavente quizzes students of Dandan Middle School about tourism on Nov. 3, 2016. MTEC and the Marianas Visitors Authority have gained two new industry representatives as board members this school year: Catherine Perry Harris, owner of Integrity Communications, and Glenn Policare, director of Operations of Kanoa Resort.



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Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects assistant Jennalyd Babauta distributes prizes to students of Dandan Middle School during the presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council on Nov. 3, 2016. MTEC educated students on visitors, how tourism benefits the CNMI, career opportunities in the industry, how they can begin to support tourism, and the role and activities of the MVA in promoting the islands.



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Marianas Tourism Education Council chair Vicky Benavente and winners of waterpark passes and other prizes at Dandan Middle School on Nov. 3, 2016.



NEW CDA BOARD MEMBER

JON PEREZ

Benjamin K. Petersburg, center, joins senators and members of the Commonwealth Development Authority board after his public hearing for his appointment to the CDA board last Wednesday.

Opinion

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India and Pakistan must pull back from conflict

Reports of shelling, incursions and deaths in Kashmir indicate that conflict in that area between India and Pakistan is once again heating up.

No one can think that another episode of that is a small matter, or, frankly, that it is necessary between two nations that wish the world to see them as modern, developing rapidly and worthy of confidence and investment. The scrap between them has been going on since 1947, when, at the end of the British raj in India, the subcontinent was being divided between India and Pakistan.

The current skirmishes between the two include what India claims are raids into Indian-occupied parts of Kashmir originated by Pakistan-backed Islamist guerrillas, followed by what India calls retaliatory “surgical strikes” into Pakistani-occupied parts of Kashmir.

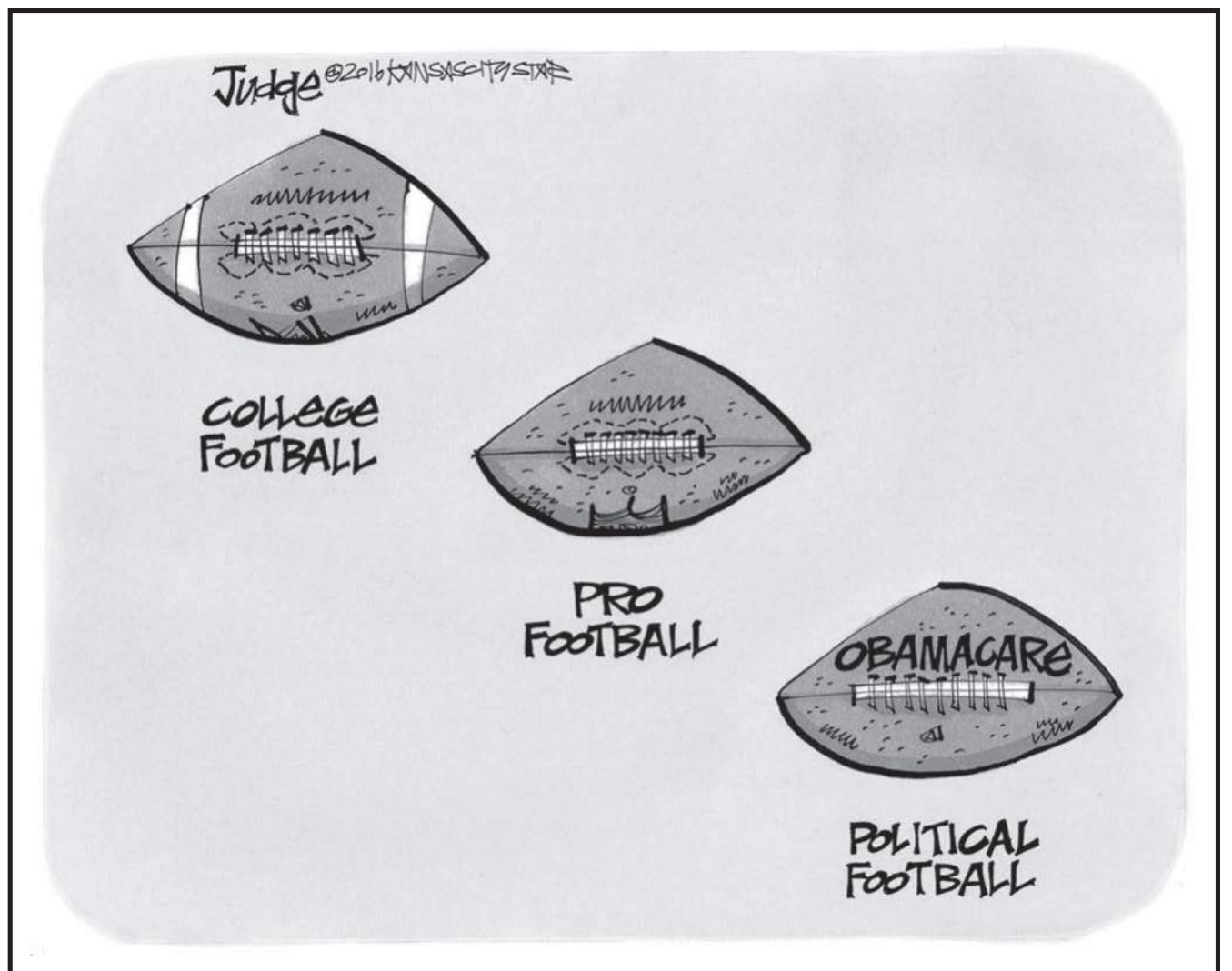
One preeminent reason for these two countries to avoid military hostilities is that both have large armies and nuclear weapons. Another is that both live in an explosive neighborhood that includes Afghanistan. A third is that the governmental situation in both countries is such as to suggest that they should talk, without their fingers on the nuclear or other trigger.

The Indian government is headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose political party can be described as Hindu nationalist. The Pakistani government is, of course, Muslim, headed by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. It is going through one of its not infrequent teeters between relatively stable civilian rule and the threat of yet another military coup d'état. Although both Indian and Pakistani governments have managed not to blow up the world for years, in spite of having nuclear weapons, conflict between them is on the list of global nightmare scenarios.

If Indian and Pakistani leaders could resist playing the Kashmir card in their own politicizing, there is plenty for each to do on the domestic front. Modi needs to work on Indian infrastructure, particularly modernizing the country's railways, which just endured another lethal accident. The air pollution in Delhi, the sprawling city that includes the capital, is among the world's worst, especially in winter. In Pakistan, Sharif should attack corruption and tribalism and seek to disentangle Pakistan's armed forces from the continuing war in neighboring Afghanistan. The double game that Pakistan has played for years, giving quiet support and sanctuary to the Afghan Taliban while denouncing terrorism and helping to fight al-Qaida, has been factored into U.S. policy, but it cannot help relations with India.

What is needed is serious, high-level talks to which both leaders are seriously, visibly dedicated. They are both up to it. It is obvious that the Kashmir issue is not subject to easy resolution, after nearly 70 years. But, for both countries, it is a major, dangerous distraction from the serious business of nation-building, which has gone on far too long. They need to apply themselves to this problem. That should be President-elect Donald Trump's first message to both of them when he takes office.

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Mars is just a dream

By CHARLES WOHLFORTH and AMANDA HENDRIX
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Reports of a new space race tell of NASA's plan to send astronauts to Mars in the 2030s and SpaceX Chief Executive Elon Musk's ambition to get private explorers there first. This race, however, can't be won with either's current technology, regardless of their spending or commitment.

The barrier is human biology. Even a short, sortie mission to Mars and back would be extremely hazardous to human health. A Mars colony is out of the question. Living long-term on its surface is beyond the capacity of our bodies to survive.

NASA doesn't talk about this much. Starry-eyed with space enthusiasm, most science reporters haven't covered this aspect of the story either.

The worst monsters in the moat between the Earth and Mars are Galactic Cosmic Rays, or GCRs, which are particles flung across space by exploding stars. The most destructive of these particles are iron nuclei traveling at close to the speed of light and carrying the energy of a major league fastball.

Astronauts already encounter GCR particles, seeing telltale flashes of light when they pass through their optic nerves. These radiation doses are tolerable during short stays on the International Space Station, which is partially sheltered from GCRs by the nearby Earth. On a long mission away from Earth, however, shielding humans from GCRs is practically impossible. Cancer and other medical risks rise to unacceptable levels.

Pure physics rules out shielding. The most effective element to stop GCRs is hydrogen, making water an ideal shielding material. Indeed, water in our atmosphere protects us on Earth. But it takes two meters of water to filter out about half the radiation, and a cubic meter of water weighs 2,205 pounds. Carrying enough water to insulate a spacecraft is far beyond current capabilities.

On Earth, GCR radiation exists only in particle accelerators, making its health impact difficult to study. Twenty years ago, a National Research Council report called for an aggressive program to understand the problem and find countermeasures. That never happened.

Several years ago, Dr. Frank Cucinotta, then head of radiation health at NASA, highlighted the GCR problem. His estimates showed that the risk of cancer was greater even than that of a spaceflight accident. He said his superiors resisted his message

with such severe negativity that he left the agency. A NASA official denied Cucinotta was forced out.

Cucinotta's point of view was vindicated, however, by the findings of a 2014 National Academy of Sciences report. It listed nine health risks for a Mars mission that are unacceptably high and six more for which the severity is unknown. Issues include heart damage from radiation, food and medicine stability, and astronauts' psychological health.

With subsequent research, the radiation concerns have grown. Scientists at the University of California at Irvine, with Cucinotta (now at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas), reported last year that mice exposed to GCR particles at levels similar to those in outer space sustained brain damage and cognitive losses even without causing cancer. Some of those in NASA who disagreed with Cucinotta increasingly see the cognitive issues as a key problem.

Doctor-astronauts working on the International Space Station in 2009 also discovered that living in weightlessness can damage the optic nerve. In the absence of gravity, cerebral-spinal fluid stops circulating. On voyages of more than a year, that could lead to blindness or contribute to dementia.

The simplest solution would be to travel faster so the ravages of space have less time to do damage. Space propulsion would need a giant technical leap to make a Mars round-trip in a safe period of about 150 days rather than NASA's current estimates of more than a year.

But even if you could get humans to Mars quickly enough, staying is a problem. With the scant Martian atmosphere, human beings would have to live underground for long-term radiation protection, a daunting challenge and an unappealing prospect. Musk imagines a space colony as a refuge from calamity on Earth. But we can live underground here. What conditions could develop that would make it easier to do so on Mars?

That's not to say space colonization won't happen. It just won't be on Mars. A more promising spot for a permanent, self-sustaining settlement is much farther away: Titan. This moon of Saturn has a thick nitrogen atmosphere and unlimited supplies of hydrocarbons and water. It is the most Earth-like object in the solar system, where humans could live without radiation shielding or even pressure suits—although they would need respirators and heated clothing.

Today, it takes seven years to get to Titan, still much too long. To travel there, or to get anywhere beyond the moon, we must find ways for humans to survive the journey.

Charles Wohlforth, a science writer, and Amanda Hendrix, a planetary scientist, are co-authors of Beyond Earth: Our Path to a New Home in the Planets. They wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

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Silensiu Mampos I Tanu'

Esta na ta'nga i inipus silensiu i se'ngso'ng siha gi finattun ha' anen gupot guine. Sige hu akanteha para bai komprendi haf' guaha.

Gi tatten amtau na felisitation tautau-ta klaru gi li'nguahen niha na te'ug na pinadesi ma-ususuni gi halum makat na mattirin kinalamten.

Gaige este na chinatsaga gi mas ke 25 años 'nai administrasion republican ha lu'nu hatsadan sueddu. Gi mismu tiempu ni un' familia soplu gi hatsadan nesessidat siha. Lau mascha taiguine na pinadesi ni unu sumeha umaligau maisa siha gi bandan presisun familia.

Kulan parehu este yan tasoda' tautau-ta gi halum disiettu (desert) dispues de tres dias na pokat 'nai ti malala'ngag siha sa' ni hanum taya'. Kuandu menos 'nai tai sinahguan estomagun niha. Mas didog ayu na pinadesi.

Estage' na pinadesi mina' silensiu lamayot patte gi se'ngso'ng siha. Inensinayau ayudu gi uttimu eskalera—tinayuyot gi Saina—para i tiempun gupot yan dispues de kayao este na selebrasion.

Agradesimientu: Kada monhayan tinayuyot-hu 'an oga'an, hu dandan suabe na pianu para una' katma yan pas hinasog-hu. Dispues hu tutuhun tumaitai gasetan elmundu siha gi internet kontodu gaset-ta.

Mientras tanto, sige ha' huli'e magof na felisitation gi matan tautau-ta siha gi halum te'ug na chinatsaga. Mangrasiosu gi halum didog na pinadesi.

Hana'e-yu' esperansa tuma'lun kumasa ha'ani-hu. Hana' metgut-yu' i mines'gun niha gi halum fachi' ma-afuetsas na pinadesi.

Este na pinadesi ti inaligau niha soluke diskuidun i mansabiu siha gi hegsu' imperadot I Deni'. Taya' sinsiyu na animu para uma-adelanta ha' anen tautau-ta siha. Mampus ma'ngontentu!

Hana' hassu-yu' un' finu' amku: "Maseha taiguine lau motmut minagof gi dididi' na guinaha-ta ke para tafañaluluda ginen tihung' otu". Estage' muna' ma'agemyu'.

Sessu hu bisita este na amku' pot menhalom, amtau yan kabilosu gi finapus tautau. Sumen popble lau riku esta i ha' anen ma-disponiña! Si Yuus Maase' sainahu!

Akonsehu: Desde antes, manma-echa hit manma'ug na akonsehu siha ni ma'naina-ta para benefisio-ta 'an tagacha' echu tautau.

I finu' niha fumañagu yan tumanum respetu yan amtau na relasion gi entalu' natibu. Ta tatiye sin ditension pot inaya gi prohimo-ta siha ni tasosoda' diariu.

Unu na finu' saina huhassu, "Sa'nganeyu' haye amigumu ya bai sa'ngane hau haf' hau na klasen tautau". Yangin saki amigumu pues ti u mahñau siempre un' basnag pot humahamyu.

Gumai amigu un' cheluhu ni sessu mañaki. 'An mohon haf' hasasaki lau neñkanu' pot hañala'ng sa' taya neñkanu' gi gima' niha i prohimo. Sessu in' kembida para i sentadan mame. 'An para u hanau tatte giya siha nina'e ni amku' mantensioña. Ha utut mañake 'nai sessu in' kembida para i lamasan mame.

Gi dispresion otu kilisyanu umadiñgan siempre un' amku', "Na para tatnai sisida un' hinegsi ni mismu fino' mu". Maulegña mamatkilu sa' pas yan katma ha' animu!

Dinaña': Sige i mansabiu na tropan mayot entalu' Marianas yan Guahan ma-atisa para umana' unu' ha' iya Marianas gi hilu' suspichosu yan mueue' na pisun kuttura.

I unu naufragu, i otu karanan para u matompu'. Ti huli'e lehitimu rason para umafa' tampen sinetsan kuttura gi guinifen i tropa. Taya' lokue' presisu para uma-estoba i abeha gi sagaña.

I mañan Chamorron Guahan na tatki'lo'ñague' ke Chamorron sankattan nahuñg na parada para tana' para este na attifisiu. Hombre iya ga' chong maila' tafañaluluda!

Na' triste na megai gi famaguon Chamorron Guahan ti tumuñgu li'nguahen niha. Na ti li'nguahen uttimu sahyun gi ma-abiban kutturun yan tradision natibu? Haf' na ti este in' prekura kosake un' dia ya mas asegura' dinisehan miyu ta ina kau propiu.

Yangin sinsiyu i madiskukute kasi mauleg u guaha inespikan kuttura yan kau enfin umaya haf' mapraktitika gi dos lugat. Dispues, kau metgut na rason para umapetsige dinaña' attifisiu? Tutuhun gi ma-apuntan haf' solu mas fitme na sahyun gi masimientun kuttura!

Tradision: Mas ke benti años malofan desde ke umasodayu' yan tautau siha giya Arizona. Man-magof i mañeluta gi nuebu na lugat niha. Mauleg na komunida siha 'nai mañasaga. Mauleg i sisteman edukasion yan hospitiat, kontodu tenda 'nai manbaratu i fektus nesessidat siha.

Sumehayu' pot para bai akanteha sentimentun niha gi nuebu na lugat familia kontra i isla ni madiñgu gi alacha. Ilegña i unu na iya Marianas 'nai gaige hali' famaguña. "Manlibre siha bumisita i petlas iya Marianas lau gaige guine mas amtau na appottunadat para siha".

Hu komprende ayu na sentimentu pot futtunan famaguon niha. Abundansia appottunadat mientras appenas guine gi tano'ta. Buente pot taglayu-yu' pot tano'hu na guaha 'nai ti siña ensegi-

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das hu chahlau finu' niha. Lau magahet ekspresion tautau-ta ni man-oppa' guihe na konbetsasion.

Sige ham dispues mañanta sunidu ginen tano'ta. Un' amiguhu esta tutuhu' lagoña mientras sige i tropa mona. Kasi mattu mahalañña pot mañeluña siha guine. Lau naturat na sentimentu gi maseha haye ni gaige gi chagu' piot ya dumañgkulun este. Namagof na dinaña mantautau-ta gi chagu' ni mas hihot gi korason niha—nuebu yan petmanente—na lugat familia.

Magahet na gagaige ha' lastrun isla ni sige maliñgu kada guinaifen mañglu' disiettu yan madiñtin niebi'. Kontentuyu' sa' masoda ginefsagan niha.

Galun: I galun gi tautau ha' signiffika kinumple gi offisioña supiriot na kualidat. Poresu i petmanente na regalu ni todun tumuñgu'. Kumeke ileghu na i pinegamu na lastru ni unu siña fumunas sa' pinigamu sino lastromu.

Pa'gu yangin ume'ensinayau hau umegalun ya un' tuñgu' na ti un' fachuchu'e pues alulaye antes de u paguan i malaintensionmu. Yangin taya para un' tinesteguye pues bisitayu' ya bai' fanague hau chechu' tunas!

Atten Liñguah: Mafañagu i patgon natibu yan hila' nanaña. Lau malumus finu' Eñglis gigan ha' tutuhon kumuentus. Ayu mina' gi dinañkuloña kesnuda i patgon ni liñguahiña. Dios mihu!

Sige mona, memegaiña gi famaguon natibu ti tumuñgu' li'nguahen niha. Pa'gu, mafañagu un' programa 'nai guaha kampu man-eyag. Diskuidun mañaina i tabibira hit tatte pot maletkin prefektu liñguahen tanu'. Usun halum guma', tatnai sisida!

Lamayot patte gaige gi makepunu' usun liñguahen gi eskuela siha. Desde tiempun España'ot makepunu' liñguahen Chamorro. Taimanu mapunu' una kosa ni patte gi haga'-hu desde tumalag hiyuñg-yu' ginen tiyan nana-hu?

The coming clash on Trump's immigration plan

Perhaps no battle in Donald Trump's presidency will be as pitched, or public, as the coming fight over undocumented immigrants. If he pursues his stated goal of deporting 2 to 3 million undocumented immigrants, a network of pro-immigrant cities, institutions and activists is poised to make the process as visibly contentious as possible.

Trump will have authority to deport millions. While individual cases can be contested and prolonged in immigration court—the system is already overloaded—lawsuits against Trump's executive powers or the implementation of his plan appear to have little chance of success.

Resistance to Trump will be highly variable. The entirety of California, which is home to more undocumented immigrants than any other state, seems to be moving to high alert. In Los Angeles this month, board members for the nation's second-largest school district unanimously reiterated their commitment to "protect the data and identities of any student, family member, or school employee who may be adversely affected by any future policies or executive action that results in the collection of any personally identifiable information."

Immigration advocates are preparing to shield students and families.

In an e-mail, activist Frank Sharry wrote: "While Trump will undoubtedly throw red meat to his nativist base, he will come up against a majority of Americans who oppose him. That is why

mayors are speaking out so boldly and clearly. That is why university presidents and school superintendents are speaking out so strongly. That is why faith leaders are offering sanctuary in their places of worship. And that is why activists plan to put their bodies between federal immigration agents and our friends, co-workers and loved ones."

In some communities, immigrants enjoy strong political and public support. Many colleges are pledging to protect undocumented students and workers. But resistance to Trump, especially in red states, could grow extremely costly.

Trump can inflict a lot of pain on governments and institutions that defy him. Millions in federal funding could be tied to cooperation, or lack of it, with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

Arizona State University president Michael Crow issued a letter last week supporting continuation of President Barack Obama's deferred action for undocumented immigrants who arrived in the U.S. as children. Crow's letter is a kindly gesture, but it makes no assurances that the university will protect undocumented immigrants. Arizona isn't California. The Arizona Legislature passed an aggressive anti-immigrant law in 2010; Trump won the state by a margin of 4 points.

At Iowa State University, in a state that Trump won by more than 9 percentage points, administrators issued a Pollyanna statement on undocumented students that seems as dreamy as it

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is noncommittal.

"We have heard nothing from federal or state authorities to suggest there will be any changes impacting the status of undocumented students' relationships with the university," read the statement. Once Trump is in the White House, everything could be very different.

"We are bracing for a crackdown that, if not repelled, could go down as one of the darkest chapters in American history," Sharry said. "Trump's election has plunged millions of immigrant families into crisis. This isn't a bug but a feature of the Trump strategy."

Both sides of this battle have been primed for success. Immigration restrictionists view Trump's election as national validation of their cause. Meanwhile, many of the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. had expected a path to legalization or citizenship by now. The Senate passed legislation with such a path in 2013 by more than 2 to 1.

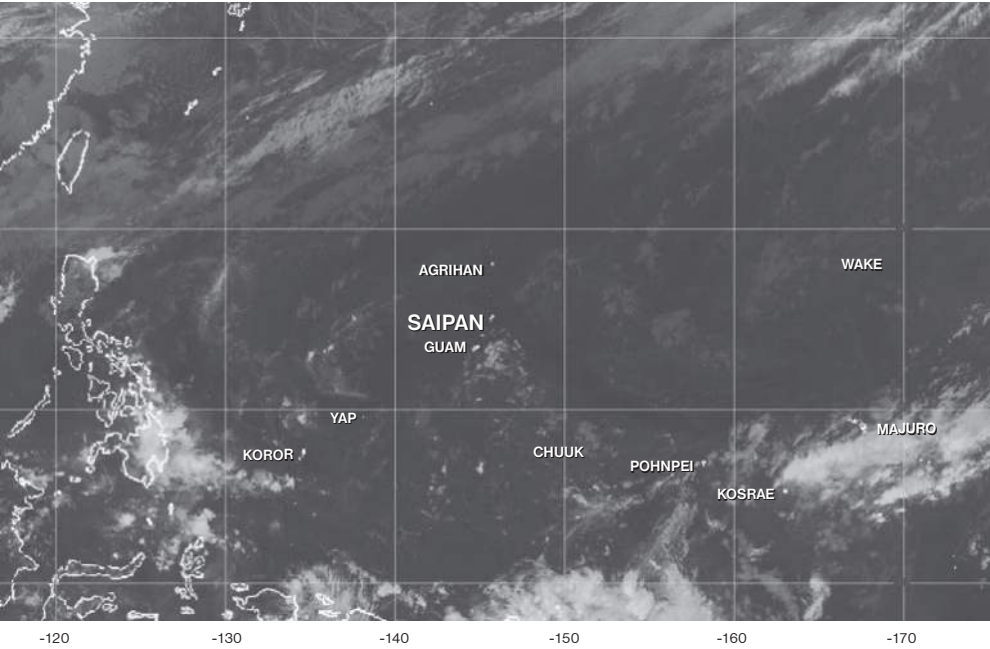
As Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the restrictionist Center for Immigration Studies, told *The New York Times*, the Trump forces and pro-immigrant activists are now engaged in a game of "chicken."

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:36 AM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas waters. The VAD wind profile reveals east-northeast winds of 6 to 11 knots just off the surface which increase to between 16 and 26 knots through the lowest 8 thousand feet of the air. Above this, last night’s weather balloon shows the winds turn toward the east and increase, reaching a maximum speed of 49 knots at 29 thousand feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Partly cloudy	82 / 88 °F
Palau	Heavy rain	80 / 87 °F
Yap	Decreasing cloudiness	80 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	78 / 86 °F
Pohnpei	Heavy rain	78 / 84 °F
Kosrae	Mostly cloudy	82 / 85 °F
Majuro	Partly sunny	82 / 86 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Partly cloudy	57 / 67 °F
Beijing	Afternoon clouds	22 / 47 °F
Hong Kong	Afternoon clouds	62 / 73 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	72 / 78 °F
London	Partly cloudy	26 / 42 °F
Los Angeles	Mostly sunny	44 / 65 °F
Manila	Morning clouds	80 / 89 °F
Melbourne	Sunny	50 / 69 °F
Miami	Cloudy	74 / 81 °F
New York	Rain	56 / 62 °F
Osaka	Afternoon clouds	39 / 54 °F
Paris	High level clouds	23 / 40 °F
Pusan	High level clouds	37 / 53 °F
Rome	Sunny	31 / 50 °F
Salem	Cloudy	42 / 50 °F
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Tokyo	Afternoon clouds	38 / 50 °F
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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
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OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
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7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
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UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
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UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
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HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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Business

Cyber Monday transforms as shoppers are more connected

NEW YORK (AP)—The Monday after Thanksgiving is still a time when millions of Americans pause to check out online deals and check off items from their gift list—but a one-day Cyber Monday frenzy appears to be going the way of the dial-up modem.

Shoppers who have high-speed connections at home and on their phones are pouncing on deals that stores are spreading out over several days, leaving the so-called Cyber Monday online shopping bonanza in danger of losing its title as the top online sales day.

“Because Cyber Monday is no longer about the connection, it’s just another sales day that I can plan for, like a Labor Day sale or Fourth of July sale,” said Gartner analyst Gene Alvarez. “I know it’s coming: Does it fit into my schedule, and will I do my holiday shopping that day, Black Friday or wait to see what comes up later?”

So instead of door-buster markdowns on a select few products, retailers are shifting to a stream of discounts and alerts during the entire week via email and social media.

Cartwheel, Target’s digital app, started offering holiday deals including 50 percent off one toy per day on Nov. 1. Amazon started offering 35 days of Black Friday deals on Nov. 16. And Walmart kicked off its Cyber Monday deals on Friday for the first time as it aimed to grab customers ahead of its competitors.

“It’s really this weeklong flow of deals,” said Shawn DuBravac, chief economist at the Consumer Technology Association.

Lea Bishop from Carmel, Indiana, picked up tickets to the Texas Tenors at her local performing arts center because



AP
In this Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, file photo, Tashalee Rodriguez, of Boston, uses a smartphone app while shopping at Macy’s in downtown Boston.

Amazon Tap smart speaker for \$40 off at \$90 on Amazon.com and Bluetooth stereo headphones for \$30, \$100 off the original price.

The Monday after Thanksgiving has been the busiest day of the year for online shopping since 2010, and “Cyber Monday” referred to the day when people returned after the holiday weekend to offices where they had high-speed internet connections.

Cyber Monday still packs the biggest punch in terms of a single online shopping day—for now. As of 7:30 p.m. EST on Monday, shoppers were on track to hit a record of \$3.39 billion, up 10.2 percent from a year ago, according to a tally by Adobe Digital Insights, which tracks online retail transactions.

First commercial US-Havana flight lands as country mourns

HAVANA (AP)—Passengers erupted into applause as the first commercial flight from the United States to Havana in more than 50 years landed in Cuba, arriving as the island begins week-long memorial services for revolutionary leader Fidel Castro.

Cubans saluted the packed American Airlines flight by spraying water from firetrucks above the plane as it taxied along the runway at Jose Marti International Airport in honor of the inaugural voyage.

“It was very emotional for me,” said Jonathan Gonzalez, 31, a Cuban-American born in Miami who said it was his third time visiting the island.

Passengers wearing straw hats provided by American Airlines with the word “Cuba” on the back were greeted with welcome signs in various languages—but no music. The visitors are arriving at the same time that tens of thousands begin paying homage to Castro in Havana and a state-sanctioned ban on live music has hushed the capital’s usually festive nightlife.

“I’m intrigued to see how the city is after the death of Fidel Castro,” said Tamara Cara, 45, an education professional

from Puerto Rico on the flight.

For years U.S. travelers to the island have had to go through burdensome charter flights with four-hour check ins. The U.S. and Cuba signed a deal in February to restore commercial air traffic, marking one of the most important developments since Presidents Raul Castro and Barack Obama announced they would restore diplomatic relations nearly two years ago.

President-elect Donald Trump has denounced Obama’s moves to open relations with the island. Adviser Kellyanne Conway told ABC’s “This Week” Sunday that nothing has been decided on Cuba, but said the U.S. is allowing commercial aircraft to do business with a repressive Cuban government and military.

Several other flights from the U.S. also were scheduled to arrive on Monday.

“We’ll see what will happen with the Trump administration,” said Alfredo Gonzalez, American Airlines’ director for the Caribbean. “We don’t know exactly what will happen but we can say that we are in Cuba, in the provinces, in Havana, and we will continue our service moving forward.”

they had a rare buy-two-get-two-free deal.

“It’s those once-a-year deals that I’m looking for today,” she said. Otherwise, she noticed retailers have been spreading out deals.

“It seems like they should rename Black Friday to Black

Friday Week and rename Cyber Monday to Cyber Monday weekend,” she said.

Matthew Cannata of New Britain, Connecticut, said he and his wife meticulously map out their shopping weekend. They hit the stores Thursday night and Friday morning and started

browsing online Saturday. They saw more discounts early this year and use services like buying items online and picking them up in the store, Cannata said.

“We are casting a wide net on any and all types of gifts,” he said.

On Monday, he bought an

Trade body says Boeing was offered illegal tax breaks in US

GENEVA (AP)—U.S. plane maker Boeing received major illegal tax breaks from Washington state, a world trade body ruled Monday, adding that the federal government should now take action to end that support within months.

The Chicago-based company and the European Union, which backs Boeing’s key European rival Airbus, both claimed the ruling by the World Trade Organization as a victory in a longstanding battle for contracts between the two aerospace giants.

The WTO found that the support Washington state

promised to give Boeing from 2024 to 2040 amounted to “prohibited” subsidies. The support offered by Washington came on condition that Boeing keeps the production of the wings for the wide-bodied 777X plane in the state, effectively excluding foreign competition. Boeing has extensive plants around Seattle.

The 28-member bloc said the WTO had ruled that \$5.7 billion in subsidies were illegal, out of a total \$8.7 billion in measures that it reviewed.

But Boeing called that figure excessive and said only “future incentives” of \$50 mil-

lion a year were found impermissible in the WTO decision.

Appearing to counter both, a Geneva-based trade official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter, said the ruling addressed only the legality of the measures, and not the possible financial benefit that could be drawn from the subsidy.

The ruling is but a part of a wider squabble involving accusations between the U.S. government and the 28-nation EU over support for Boeing and Airbus dating back to 2004.

“We are really the only party that can credibly come up with a figure,” said Boeing spokesman Tim Neale, referring to the value of the tax breaks. He said the \$50 million per year was a “conservative estimate” and even over a 20-year span would only total \$1 billion.

He said the EU effort was aimed in part to distract attention from a far more costly WTO ruling against Airbus two months ago.

EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom called Monday’s ruling “an important victory for the EU and its aircraft industry.”

Congress backs bill on customer rights for online review

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress on Monday cleared legislation to ensure that customers who want to post negative reviews on websites like Yelp or TripAdvisor can do so without legal repercussions.

The Senate passed the measure by voice vote Monday night. The bill now goes to President Barack Obama.

Supporters of the bipartisan bill say it is needed to ensure freedom of speech in a grow-

ing online economy. It was written in response to businesses that have made customers sign non-disparagement clauses and then sued if a bad review showed up.

“The internet is supposed to be an open forum for the free exchange of ideas of all kind,” said Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif. “But how free is that exchange, really, if it’s been cherry-picked and censored to weed out things some people

find unfavorable? The bill we’ve now sent to the president’s desk will ensure that the internet remains a place where the freedom of speech can thrive and protect honest consumers from retaliatory litigation.”

In one case, a Dallas couple was sued by a pet-sitting company for up to \$1 million after giving the company a one-star review on Yelp and complaining that their fish had been

overfed. The case was dismissed this past summer.

The House passed the bill, backed by Rep. Joe Kennedy, D-Mass., and Republican Rep. Leonard Lance of New Jersey, in September. Kennedy, who represents Needham, Mass.-based TripAdvisor, had said fair reviews are important to strengthen the so-called “sharing economy,” which allows consumers to exchange products, services and ideas.

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31.765

Thailand Baht

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Nation

Trump drama rolls on: Disputes, falsehoods hit transition

NEW YORK (AP)—The drama, disputes and falsehoods that permeated Donald Trump's presidential campaign are now roiling his transition to the White House, forcing aides to defend his baseless assertions of illegal voting and sending internal fights spilling into public.

On Monday, a recount effort, led by Green Party candidate Jill Stein and joined by Hillary Clinton's campaign also marched on in three states, based partly on the Stein campaign's unsubstantiated assertion that cyberhacking could have interfered with electronic voting machines. Wisconsin officials approved plans to begin a recount as early as Thursday. Stein also asked for a recount in Pennsylvania and was expected to do the same in Michigan, where

officials certified Trump's victory Monday.

Trump has angrily denounced the recounts and now claims without evidence that he, not Clinton, would have won the popular vote if it hadn't been for "millions of people who voted illegally." On Twitter, he singled out Virginia, California and New Hampshire.

There has been no indication of widespread election tampering or voter fraud in those states or any others, and Trump aides struggled Monday to back up their boss' claim.

Spokesman Jason Miller said illegal voting was "an issue of concern." But the only evidence he raised was a 2014 news report and a study on voting irregularities conducted before the 2016 election.

Trump met Monday with

Wisconsin recount

Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein has filed for a recount of Wisconsin's election results.

State results

Donald Trump Republican	1,404,000 votes (47.2%)
Hillary Clinton Democratic	1,381,823 votes (46.4%)
Gary Johnson Libertarian	106,585 votes (3.6%)
Jill Stein Green	31,006 votes (1.0%)
Other candidates	51,899 votes (1.7%)

Source: Wisconsin Elections Commission

Graphic: Tribune News Service

candidates for top Cabinet posts, including retired Gen. David Petraeus, a new contender for secretary of state. Trump is to meet Tuesday with

Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, who is also being considered more seriously for the diplomatic post, and Mitt Romney, who has become a symbol of

the internal divisions agitating the transition team.

Petraeus said he spent about an hour with Trump, and he praised the president-elect for showing a "great grasp of a variety of the challenges that are out there."

"Very good conversation and we'll see where it goes from here," he said. A former CIA chief, Petraeus pleaded guilty last year to a misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information relating to documents he had provided to his biographer, with whom he was having an affair.

Vice President-elect Mike Pence, who is heading the transition effort, teased "a number of very important announcements tomorrow" as he exited Trump Tower Monday night.

Pence is said to be among those backing Romney for State. Romney was fiercely critical of Trump throughout

the campaign but is interested in the Cabinet position, and they discussed it during a lengthy meeting earlier this month.

Other top Trump allies, notably campaign manager Kellyanne Conway, have launched a highly unusual public campaign to warn the president-elect that nominating Romney would be seen as a betrayal by his supporters. Conway's comments stirred speculation that she is seeking to either force Trump's hand or give him cover for ultimately passing over Romney.

Three people close to the transition team said Trump had been aware that Conway planned to voice her opinion, both on Twitter and in television interviews. They disputed reports that Trump was furious at her and suggested his decision to consider additional candidates instead highlighted her influence.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump won presidency but lost popular vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—Donald Trump's tweets can't erase the reality that he lost the popular vote in this month's election, according to The Associated Press' vote-counting operation.

The president-elect tweeted Saturday that he'd have won the popular vote "if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally." He also alleged "serious voter fraud" in California, New Hampshire and Virginia and complained that the media aren't covering it.

Not only did he present no evidence to back up those claims—there apparently

isn't any. Asked to provide supporting evidence on Monday, Trump's transition team pointed only to past charges of irregularities in voter registration. There has been no evidence of widespread tampering or hacking that would change the results of the presidential contest, and for good reason, experts said.

For one, it would be highly impractical. The nation's election system is decentralized, a patchwork of state laws whose differences would be nearly impossible to target on a large scale, said Wendy Weiser, director of the Democracy Pro-

gram at the nonpartisan Brennan Center for Justice.

"You would need to have hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people conspiring with insiders and with one another," Weiser said. "To keep a conspiracy of that magnitude secret is just unthinkable."

"The process is not rigged anywhere in America," said R. Doug Lewis, who headed the nonprofit Election Center for more than two decades. Interest groups, bloggers and others across the political spectrum keep anecdotal lists of instances of election fraud, he said, but "when each side

is forced to come up with factual examples where that has happened, where they have to name names ... almost always the allegations go away."

On Twitter, Trump has returned to two well-worn techniques: denying he's lost anything and playing on public distrust.

The AP's vote-counting operations in California, Virginia and New Hampshire used locally hired workers to gather vote totals from local jurisdictions. In some states, the news agency also collected votes from secretaries of state or state election boards.

Terrorism suspected in car-and-knife attack at Ohio State

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—A Somali-born Ohio State University student plowed his car into a group of pedestrians on campus and then got out and began stabbing people with a butcher knife Monday before he was shot to death by a police officer. Police said they were investigating whether it was a terrorist attack.

Eleven people were hurt, one critically.

The attacker was identified as Abdul Razak Ali Artan. He was born in Somalia and was a legal permanent U.S. resident, according to a U.S. official who wasn't authorized to discuss the case and spoke on the condition of anonymity. The FBI joined the investigation.

The details emerged after a morning of conflicting reports and confusion, created in part by a series of tweets from the



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, TNS

selves inside offices and classrooms, piling chairs and desks in front of doors, before getting the all-clear an hour and a half later.

Ohio State University police Chief Craig Stone said the assailant deliberately drove his small Honda over a curb outside an engineering classroom building and then began knifing people. A campus officer nearby because of a gas leak arrived on the scene and shot the driver in less than a minute, Stone said.

Angshuman Kapil, a graduate student, was outside Watts Hall when the car barreled onto the sidewalk.

"It just hit everybody who was in front," he said. "After that everybody was shouting, 'Run! Run! Run!'"

Student Martin Schneider said he heard the car's engine revving.

"I thought it was an acci-

dent initially until I saw the guy come out with a knife," Schneider said, adding the man didn't say anything when he got out.

Most of the injured were hurt by the car, and at least two were stabbed. One had a fractured skull.

Columbus police Chief Kim Jacobs, asked whether authorities were considering the possibility it was a terrorist act, said: "I think we have to consider that it is."

Republican Vice President-elect Mike Pence called the episode "a tragic attack" and said "our prayers are with them all."

U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, of California, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said the bloodshed "bears all of the hallmarks of a terror attack carried out by someone who may have been self-radicalized."

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)—Government orders for protesters of the Dakota Access pipeline to leave federal land could have little immediate effect on the encampment where scores of people have been gathered for months to oppose the \$3.8 billion project.

A North Dakota sheriff on Monday dismissed a deadline from the Army Corps of Engineers as a meaningless move aimed only at reducing the government's legal responsibility for hundreds of demonstrators.

The Corps "is basically kicking the can down the road, and all it is doing is taking the liability from the Corps and putting it on" the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said.

The Corps said last week in a letter that all federal lands north of the Cannonball River will be closed to the public for "safety concerns" starting Dec. 5. The order includes the encampment called Oceti Sakowin, or Seven Council Fires camp.

The agency cited North Dakota's oncoming winter and increasingly contentious clashes between protesters and police.

But in a statement issued late Sunday, the Corps said it "has no plans for forcible removal." Anyone on land north of the river, including the main protest camp, after the deadline may be prosecuted for trespassing.

Gov. Jack Dalrymple called the Corps' position "very puzzling."

"When you put out a pronouncement that people must leave your land by a certain date, I think you take on a responsibility to somehow bring that about," Dalrymple said. "Clearly the responsibility of clearing that land now lies primarily with the Corps."

But later on Monday, Dalrymple issued his own "mandatory evacuation" for the camp "to safeguard against harsh winter conditions." But the order didn't specify any action to be taken against protesters who don't comply, and state Emergency Services spokeswoman Cecily Fong later said no action would be taken to enforce it.

The 1,172-mile pipeline is nearly complete except for a small section beneath a Missouri River reservoir near the encampment, which is about 50 miles south of Bismarck.

Opponents, who call themselves "water protectors," worry about potential effects on drinking water on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation and farther downstream on the Missouri River, as well as destruction of cultural artifacts, including burial sites. They also believe the land near the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball rivers is still rightfully owned by the Standing Rock Sioux under a nearly 150-year-old treaty.

Asia

S. Korean leader says she'll resign after lawmakers act

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean President Park Geun-hye said Tuesday that she will resign her office once parliament develops a plan for a safe transfer of power, amid prosecution claims that she colluded with a friend who wielded government power from the shadows.

Hundreds of thousands of people have gathered in Seoul each Saturday for the last five weeks to demand that Park step down amid prosecutors' claims that she colluded with a confidante who allegedly manipulated power from the shadows and extorted companies to amass an illicit fortune.

Park would be the first South Korean leader to resign since the country's first president, Syngman Rhee, quit and then fled to Hawaii amid a popular uprising in 1960. The succeeding government was overthrown by a coup by Park's late father, the military dictator Park Chung-hee, whose rule also abruptly ended after he was

assassinated by his spy chief in 1979.

"I will leave the matters about my fate, including the shortening of my presidential term, to be decided by the National Assembly," Park said Tuesday in a live address to the nation, referring to parliament. "If the ruling and opposition parties discuss and come up with a plan to reduce the confusion in state affairs and ensure a safe transfer of governments, I will resign from the presidential position under that schedule and by processes stated in law."

Opposition parties had been closing in on an impeachment motion against Park, and even her allies in the conservative ruling party have called for her to "honorably" step down rather than face impeachment.

An impeachment motion vote had been planned for Friday. The country's two largest opposition parties were also planning on Tuesday to nominate a special prosecutor to independently



TV screens display the live broadcast of South Korean President Park Geun-hye's public announcement at an electronic shop in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016.

investigate the scandal.

At the heart of the scandal is Choi Soon-sil, Park's longtime friend and the daughter of a late cult leader who allegedly meddled in state affairs and pressured companies to donate millions of dollars to foundations controlled by her at the request of Park.

Prosecutors have so far indicted Choi, two ex-presidential officials and a music video director known as a Choi associate for extortion, leakage of confidential documents and other charges.

Park, who has immunity from prosecution while in office, has refused to meet with prosecutors. Her lawyer, Yoo Yeong-ha, has described prosecutors' accusations against Park as groundless.

ASIAN BRIEFS

5 Filipinos missing after fishing near disputed shoal

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine coast guard officials said Monday they've launched a search for five Filipinos who failed to return after fishing in the disputed Scarborough Shoal in bad weather off the country's northwest. Coast guard spokesman Armand Balilo said the fishermen left the shoal due to an approaching typhoon last week and have not been heard from since. Boats and ships passing in the area were alerted after a fisherman notified authorities about his missing colleagues. The Philippine coast guard plans to coordinate its search with its Chinese counterpart in the Scarborough area, Balilo said.

New chief says UN needs to be more nimble, less bureaucratic

BEIJING (AP)—The United Nations' incoming secretary-general says he wants the U.N. to be more nimble and less bureaucratic and its peacekeepers to be better trained and respectful of human rights. Antonio Guterres spoke during a trip to China, which he says could be a peace broker in conflicts around the world. Guterres told reporters Monday that he wants to make sure the different parts of the U.N. "work for the same purpose"

and are subject to independent public evaluation. He said the U.N.'s peacekeeping forces need to be better equipped and trained in order to avoid the violation of women's and children's rights.

Thousands protest across India against currency policy

NEW DELHI (AP)—Thousands of people demonstrated across India on Monday to protest the government's sudden decision to withdraw large-denomination currency from circulation, a move that has caused enormous hardship to millions of people in the country's predominantly cash-based economy. But the response to the "day of rage" called by opposition parties was patchy, with the protests only affecting daily life in opposition-ruled states. Nearly three weeks ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that 500- and 1,000-rupee notes, worth about \$7.50 and \$15, would become worthless overnight and would be replaced by new currency in a bid to stamp out corruption and tax evasion. The surprise decision pulled 86 percent of the country's money supply out of circulation, leading to serpentine lines at banks, which often ran short of currency, showing that the government was ill-prepared for the move.

Thailand's parliament starts process of naming new king

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's parliament on Tuesday invited Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn to be the new king, completing a formal step for the heir apparent to take the throne following the death of his father last month.

The Cabinet, following a 1924 law on succession, submitted Vajiralongkorn's name to the National Assembly after a brief meeting, where members formally acknowledged him as the new monarch.

"I want everyone to give their blessings to the new king," said National Assembly president Pornpetch Wichitcholchai. His statement was followed by a

cheer of "Long live the king" by all assembly members.

Pornpetch said he will now formally invite the 64-year-old Vajiralongkorn to take the throne, the 10th in the Chakri dynasty, which was founded in 1782. He did not say when that will happen.

Vajiralongkorn's father, the much-revered Bhumibol Adulyadej, who took the throne in 1946, died on Oct. 13 at age 88 after many years of ill health.

In 1972, Bhumibol designated Vajiralongkorn—his second child and only son—to be his successor.

Vajiralongkorn, with a less intense interest in state affairs and a reputation as

a playboy, does not command the same level of respect as his hardworking father. He has gone through divorces with three women who have borne him seven children, and his love life is still gossiped about, though privately because of harsh laws that mandate a prison term of three to 15 years for anyone found guilty of insulting the monarchy.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said shortly after Bhumibol's death that the crown prince told him that he did not want to immediately assume the throne in order to allow time to mourn his father.

Prayuth's military government declared a full year

of mourning for public offices, and most Thais have been somberly dressed in black or white since the king's death, while revelry has been discouraged.

Huge crowds have been paying respects to the king's remains at the Grand Palace in Bangkok. His body will be cremated in an elaborate ceremony that may take place a year or more after his death.

The official coronation of Vajiralongkorn will take place only after the cremation. Bhumibol's coronation was in 1950, four years after succeeding his brother King Ananda Mahidol, who died of gunshot wounds in unclear circumstances.

New Pakistan army chief faces tensions with Kabul, India

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP)—The new head of Pakistan's army takes over Tuesday as tensions have jumped with arch-rival India over disputed Kashmir and as ties with Afghanistan remain rocky.

Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa will be installed at a ceremony in the garrison town of Rawalpindi, replacing Gen. Raheel Sharif, who steps down after completing his three-year term during which the military launched several operations against al-Qaida, Taliban and local militants to dismantle their sanctuaries near Afghanistan and elsewhere in the country.

Bajwa was fourth in seniority on a list of five army generals sent to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, and had

been little discussed until Sharif picked him. According to the constitution, the prime minister can pick any officer from the list forwarded to him by the Defense Ministry.

The change in command takes place when the outgoing army chief publicly gives his "Malacca stick" to his successor at a ceremony which is witnessed by civilian and military leaders, and diplomats.

The Malacca baton, which is made of bamboo produced in Singapore, is part of the Pakistan army uniform. The change in command has taken place this way starting in the British colonial days. Pakistan became independent in 1947 when Britain gave independence to Paki-

stan and India, although the military has ruled this Islamic nation for nearly half of the time since then.

Tuesday's ceremony in Rawalpindi near the capital Islamabad comes as tensions have climbed between Pakistan and neighboring India over Kashmir, a disputed Himalayan region which is divided between the two nuclear-armed rivals and claimed by both.

Pakistan and India have been working with reduced number of diplomats in each other's capitals for the past several weeks when both sides withdrew some of their diplomats amid tension over Kashmir.

Observers believe Bajwa will offer more support to Sharif's efforts to improve

ties with Pakistan's neighbors, including Afghanistan and India.

Pakistan's relations with Kabul have also soured amid allegations from Afghan officials that Islamabad shelters the Taliban, who have intensified attacks against the government of President Ashraf Ghani.

Pakistan's army says it has dismantled many militant sanctuaries in the tribal regions, but the militants have still been able to carry out high-profile attacks.

Bajwa, who was commissioned in the 16 Baloch Regiment in October 1980, is a graduate of Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Canada, and the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

World

Residents of Iraq's Mosul fight, jostle over food

MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—Residents of the Iraqi city of Mosul fought each other around trucks delivering humanitarian aid as they jostled for scant supplies on Monday, while government troops fighting to retake the city from Islamic State militants inched closer toward the city center.

The Iraqi government and various humanitarian organizations sent trucks loaded with food and clothes into liberated areas of Mosul, still home to more than 1 million people caught up in the ongoing, six-week-old operation to retake the northern Iraqi city.

The government launched a massive campaign on Oct. 17 to retake Mosul, Iraq's second largest city and the extremist group's last major urban center in the country.

Most gains have been made by the special forces operating in the section of Mosul east of the Tigris river. Other forces are advancing on the city from different directions, and the U.S.-led coalition is providing airstrikes



AP
Civilians wait for humanitarian aid to be distributed outside Mosul, Iraq, Monday, Nov. 28, 2016.

reached the Masarif neighborhood in the northeast of the city. Their patrols, however, were repeatedly targeted by sniper fire and mortars. They responded with machine gun fire.

On Sunday, the main hospital treating trauma victims from the battle for Mosul was overflowing with civilian and military casualties, according to a doctor there.

Dr. Marwan Ghafari of the West Irbil Hospital, the main

triage center for trauma cases from the Mosul battle, said his facility is admitting up to 150 new patients per day.

"The problem here is we have not enough beds in the emergency (room)," he said. "We have a lack of medications and the operating rooms are full. We cannot operate immediately on all the patients."

Ghafari said he expects the influx of wounded to continue at the same level for the next three months as the Mosul operation continues.

The military does not publicize casualties, but medics have noted at least dozens of soldiers have died since the battle began last month.

and other support.

However, the campaign has been slowed down because of the presence of civilians inside the city, preventing both the Iraqis and the U.S.-led coalition from using overwhelming firepower.

A senior commander in the

eastern sector of Mosul, Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil of the special forces said his men on Monday advanced farther in the large and densely populated neighborhood of Zohour. He said about 60 percent of the area was now retaken from IS.

He said the airstrikes destroyed two suicide car bombs in Zohour before they reached their intended targets. Another five suicide car bombs exploded when his men fired at them before they reached their targets, he added.

The special forces also

From milk to lightbulbs, Fidel Castro reshaped life in Cuba

HAVANA (AP)—Fidel Castro changed the flavor of the milk Cuban children drink at breakfast.

He filled Cuban kitchens with energy-saving rice cookers, and he gave a two-hour lesson in their use live on national television. He even changed the nation's lightbulbs, launching a nationwide campaign to replace incandescent bulbs with fluorescents that cast a pallid white light in Cuban homes to this day.

Castro, who died Friday night at 90, gained global stature with grand visions: confronting the United States; building universal health care and education; sending Cuba's doctors to heal the Third World's sick and its soldiers to fight alongside socialist allies from Vietnam to Angola.

At home, he expended vast quantities of time and energy remaking the minutest aspects of life in the country he ruled for nearly 50 years. Obsessive, restless, fixated on details, Castro is being remembered by many Cubans for his decades of smaller-scale, often quixotic initiatives to implant Soviet-style central planning on an unruly and improvisational Caribbean island.

Ten years after Castro turned power over to his brother Raul, the artifacts of his time in command still feature in the daily lives of aver-

age Cubans, particularly those related to Castro's passions for agricultural productivity and energy-saving. Millions of Cubans still depend on the pale-blue ration book that once provided a month's worth of free food, reduced today to about 15 days of rice, beans, eggs, chicken, cooking oil, salt and sugar.

In November 2005, Castro tried to persuade his countrymen to also feed their children "chocolatin," a mix of powdered milk and cocoa distributed to families in 200-gram (seven-ounce) bags.

"Seven of every 11 grams are whole milk powder, believe me," he said. "Check it if you're skeptical. Take it to a laboratory and test it. There's also four grams of cocoa, which is very strong, as strong as it is healthy. I know that our doctors over there in the mountains of Kashmir are drinking their chocolate every night."

To this day, it's hard to find a Cuban child who doesn't ask for chocolate-flavored morning milk, itself a legacy of Castro's pledge to give every Cuban under age 7 one liter of milk every day.

In 1961, two years after Castro's revolution won power, the new Cuban government launched an ambitious campaign to stamp out illiteracy. Some 250,000 volunteer

teachers, many of them young women, fanned out across the country, especially in rural areas where access to education was spotty and the need was greatest. In the space of a year, about 700,000 people learned to read and write, said "Maestra," a documentary that explores the initiative's history. Today, Cuba reports a literacy rate of 99.8 percent, on par with the most developed nations in the world.

In 1960, Castro launched the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution, neighborhood

watch groups given the job of implementing social welfare projects and natural disaster assistance, looking out for the elderly and organizing modest block parties. They also serve as the government's eyes and ears, networks of informants that enforce compliance and watch for suspicious activity such as political dissidence or an illegal satellite hookup. The committees are so ubiquitous that just about everyone in Cuba, especially in the cities, still lives within sight of the home of a committee member.

Controversy in Russia over Holocaust ice dance routine

MOSCOW (AP)—An Olympic ice-dancing gold medalist and her dancing partner have caused controversy by dressing up in concentration camp uniforms for a routine on a popular television show.

Tatiana Navka, who is the wife of Russian presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov, and partner Andrei Burkovsky appeared in Saturday's episode of "Ice Age" dressed in striped uniforms bearing yellow six-pointed stars and heavily made-up to look bruised and frail.

Their routine, which aired on state-owned Channel One, was based on "Life is Beautiful," the Academy Award-

winning Italian movie about a Jewish father who pretends for the sake of his small son that their internment in a Nazi camp is just a game.

Navka's Instagram account soon was flooded with indignant comments.

Navka, 41, who won gold in ice dancing for Russia at the 2006 Turin Olympics, and Burkovsky, a 33-year-old theater actor, told Russian media on Sunday that it was their way of paying homage to Holocaust victims.

Their dance sparked outrage in Israel.

"Motifs from the Holocaust are not for parties, not for dance and not for reality (TV)," Israeli Culture Min-

ister Miri Regev told Israeli Army Radio on Sunday.

"Not one of the 6 million danced and a concentration camp is not a summer camp," Regev added, referring to the number of Jewish dead.

Other people in Israel were not as categorical.

"You have to keep in mind that this is being done on Russian television," said Efraim Zuroff, director of the Israel office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center who described the performance as "quite kitschy" but added that in the Soviet Union media and officials did not dwell on the Holocaust so any discussion of it Russia should be welcomed.

"So, in that respect, this

derstorms in recent hours.

Medellin's airport confirmed that the aircraft, which made a stop in Bolivia, was transporting the first division Chapecoense soccer team from southern Brazil. The team was scheduled to play Wednesday in the first of a two-game Copa Sudamericana final against Atletico Nacional of Medellin.

A video published on the team's Facebook page showed the team readying for the flight earlier Monday in Sao Paulo's Guarulhos international airport.

The team, from the small city of Chapeco, joined Brazil's first division in 2014 for the first time since the 1970s and made it to the Copa Sudamericana finals last week by defeating Argentina's legendary San Lorenzo squad.

performance was actually a refreshing change and a different way of looking at the Holocaust. That's why it had some value."

Peskov told reporters on Monday that his wife's dance routine is not something for the Kremlin to comment on, but said: "I'm proud of my wife. This is all I can say."

While some Russians were indignant at what some saw as mockery of the memory of the dead, others posted messages of support on Navka's Instagram account, saying that the dance brought tears to their eyes.

The routine was choreographed by 2002 Olympic silver medalist Ilya Averbukh, who is Jewish.

Focus

Coca-Cola No. 1 in Japan with drinks galore, but not Coke

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EBINA, Japan (AP)—Coca-Cola has been the No. 1 beverage maker in Japan for half a century, but it's not thanks to the popularity of Coke. Instead, the American soft-drink brand has adapted to the quirky ways this society quenches its thirst.

Coca-Cola's nearly 1 million vending machines account for about half of all the vending machines in Japan. Many of them do stock Coke and Coke Zero. But most of the beverages sold by those state-of-the-art machines have nothing to do with the company's namesake soda.

Among the bigger favorites are "Georgia" brand canned coffee, orange-flavored water and of course, green tea, the traditional drink of choice.

Japan is The Coca-Cola Co.'s second-biggest market after the U.S., raking in more than 1 trillion yen (\$10 billion) in annual sales. But consumers here aren't crazy about bubbly drinks like Fanta and Sprite, other perennial U.S. favorites.

Instead, the notoriously fad-loving Japanese flit from one trend to another across an array of weird product offerings, such as soda drinks with odd flavors like smelly durian fruit or garlicky kimchee that

mostly are attention-getting products intended for fun.

Though its product offerings don't go quite that far, Coca-Cola has 850 different beverages in Japan alone, not counting discontinued brands. Among the most popular is Qoo, a water-drop-shaped forest creature designed to appeal to Japan's cult of the cute.

"It is so difficult to survive," Takashi Wasa, senior vice president at Coca-Cola Japan, told The Associated Press at the company's Tokyo headquarters.

The odds of having a hit are "Maybe just three out of a thousand," he said.

Among 20 Coca-Cola global brands that bring in \$1 billion or more in annual sales, four came from Japan: the Georgia coffee lineup; Aquarius, a Gatorade-like drink; I Lohas bottled water and Ayataka green tea. Other global top-sellers are Coke drinks or were added through acquisitions, such as Minute Maid and Matte Leao.

Matte Leao, an herbal tea extremely popular in Brazil, is an example of adapting to local tastes.

But the company's Japan operations take that to an extreme, said Raymond Shelton, senior executive officer for Coca-Cola East Japan.

"I have traveled the world for Coca-Cola, and I have never seen such a variety of



AP
In this Nov. 17, 2016 photo, a worker watches a product line at Coca-Cola Ebina plant in Ebina, Kanagawa Prefecture, near Tokyo.

products, and such an intensive pace of new launches," he said.

"Japanese consumers drink across beverage categories each and every day so I would say they have a much broader set of demands," Shelton said.

Over the past decade or so, green tea has grown into a 777 billion yen (\$7.5 billion) packaged beverage market in Japan; many Japanese now prefer tea conveniently packaged in plastic bottles, rather than steeped in teapots.

That makes Ayataka, which sells for 140 yen (\$1.30) for a half liter (1 pint) bottle, an important brand for Coca-Cola. Developed in partnership with 1,600-year-old Kyoto-based tea grower Kanbayashi Shunsho, Ayataka also is sold in Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Ads for Ayataka tea feature a taste test by Kyoto apprentice geishas and Japanese chefs vouching that its flavor is indistinguishable from tea from a teapot.

Unlike acidic bottled Coke, green tea requires special precautions during is bottling to prevent spoilage and preserve its flavor. Coca-Cola has invested about 40 billion yen (\$360 million) since 2014 to double its assembly lines in Japan to nine and accommodate such aseptic production.

At Coca-Cola's plant in Ebina, southwest of Tokyo, bottles and caps are splashed with a decontaminating chemical, and then rinsed with blasts of water. Bottles filled with tea from giant vats flash by, 900 per minute. They're inspected, labeled and then boxed in ro-

botic lines: a non-stop parade of bottled teas circling the plant round-the-clock.

Since retailers only stock in-demand products, pressure is high to keep coming up with new products, or at least new adaptations.

Coca-Cola's competitors in this tea growing nation, led by Ito En, a traditional tea maker that pioneered bottled green tea in Japan, were quick to imitate Coca-Cola's lead in adding powdered tea to its green tea drinks to make them cloudier and more evocative of richer-tasting teas out of a teapot.

Some products are specifically developed as "kawaridane" or "weird items," just to attract attention, like cucumber-flavored Pepsi. Or Pepsi Strong 5.0 GV, for "gas volume," which has extra fizz.

"It's that extra burp factor," said Akira Kiga, a spokesman for Suntory Beverages & Food, which sells Pepsi in Japan and trails Coca-Cola with No. 2 market share. "We want people to notice and see that we're a fun brand."

Still, when it comes to solid earnings, Suntory, like Coca-Cola, is counting on three segments—water, coffee and green tea.

"We do want to work on building strong brands that have staying power," Kiga said.

Yoshiyasu Okihira, an analyst at SMBC Nikko Securi-

ties in Tokyo, estimates that carbonated sodas like Coke and Fanta comprise a fifth of Coca-Cola's Japan sales, with coffee and tea accounting for 40 percent.

Coca-Cola's legions of vending machines, many offering piping hot drinks on chilly days, are a big asset. To capitalize on that advantage, the company is introducing smartphone applications that award one free drink for every 15 bought on Coca-Cola vending machines, or that send Spotify music playlists depending on the drink purchased.

The Japanese tea products are a strong asset in global markets as people become increasingly health conscious. Japan, with its faster aging, picky consumers, increasingly is leading such trends, Okihira says.

"Roasted barley tea, for example, has global potential, and Americans may really like it," Okihira said.

Like many Japanese, 50-year-old cab driver Masataka Sakabe drinks a variety of beverages every day, including canned coffee to keep awake on long shifts. But he also loves Coke, especially with greasy food like fried chicken or French fries.

"I love Coke, the red kind, not the diet kind, that original flavor. It makes you feel so refreshed," he said.



AP
In this Nov. 9, 2016 photo, Takashi Wasa, senior vice president at Coca-Cola Japan, shows the company's green tea beverages "Ayataka" at Tokyo headquarters during an interview.

Good Housekeeping

The 10-year-old retirement home we purchased in Virginia Beach, Va., in February was tired and outdated—including the front and back yards.

After months of redoing the home's interior, we focus on the exterior.

Looking to maximize use and enjoyment and minimize maintenance, we opt for pavers for a side yard walkway and backyard patio and all new shrubs for the front.

No-Fuss Shrubs. Larger-than-life hollies and other non-description shrubs planted 10 years ago hide the house and make it difficult, sometimes impossible, to get out of a vehicle parked on the driveway.

In Virginia Beach, Coastal Landscapes and Nursery—<http://coastal-landscapesandnursery.com>—sends a crew and small machinery to remove the 10-foot hollies and other plants. Utility markings—<http://va811.com/> or call 811—are done to prevent any digging that accidentally hits utility lines.

"It's important to refresh a landscape because overtime the constant pruning and shearing that plants endure creates an unnatural growth habit that leaves each plant with poor access to light," says John Ingram, a graduate of the landscape architecture program at Penn State University and landscape designer for Coastal Landscapes, which installs and re-does existing and new landscapes throughout Hampton Roads.

"This in turn creates interior and ground-level die off.

"A refreshed or new landscape adds curb appeal and is often a deciding factor when choosing a home."

With Ingram's guidance, our goal in the new landscape is twofold. First, we want to avoid any possible annual pruning to keep the plants healthy and looking good. This goal is accomplished by choosing the right plant for the right place, a Master Gardener golden rule. Secondly, we want a cleaner, simpler landscape look, one that allows our home's good structure—gabled roof lines, front porch, columns and attractive brick—to be front and center. This goal is accomplished by choosing plants that don't swallow the house, or block the view of the front door and porch.

We also choose to put no foundation plants on the sides or back of the house—keep-it-simple landscaping that also means the house stays drier and cleaner. Mulch, especially heaping piles of it, and too many, too-large plants invite moisture, mold and insects.

The beds need no sculpting or soil added because they already have nice curvy lines and are raised for good drainage and appearance. Plants that we select include:

■ **Degroot arborvitae.** One of these stately evergreens is placed at each front corner of the house, replacing giant hollies that littered the landscape. The narrow, tall plants reach four to five feet wide and maybe 20 feet tall (I am not above



BEFORE: Overgrown hollies and other shrubs that need constant pruning and shearing dominate a 10-year-old landscape at Kathy Van Mullekom's new retirement home in Virginia Beach, Va. TNS

Diggin' In: Careful planning creates a no-fuss retirement home

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AFTER: Arborvitae and smaller sizes of boxwood and nandina create a new landscape that will need minimal maintenance over time at Kathy Van Mullekom's new retirement home in Virginia Beach, Va. TNS

snipping out the top down the road, so the evergreen stays lower; careful snipping can be done so it is not seen. The sides should never need shearing. The rich green foliage takes on

a purple cast in winter.

■ **Winter Gem boxwood.** Three of these evergreens were placed in front of a bedroom window. The moderate grower will reach four to six feet

tall and wide, but I plan to selectively hand prune each, not shear them, so the plants stay at their current size—about two feet wide and three feet tall. Winter Gem's dense foliage does

make it ideal for shearing as an attractive hedge.

■ **Baby Gem boxwood.** Smaller than Winter Gem, Baby grows about three feet wide and tall. I hope to keep it about half that size because it's planted in front of the porch.

■ **Gulf Stream nandina.** This dwarf form of larger nandina red new growth and fall foliage with small white spring flowers. I'm hoping it seldom needs pruning, thanks to the front-of-bed room we have given it to flourish.

■ **Flirt nandina.** The littlest of the smaller nandinas, this evergreen is a good low-growing ground cover, reaching one to two feet tall and wide with deep-red new growth. We used these in a front bed where their low-growing personality would not block views of the house, especially the front door.

■ **Mondo grass.** These little tufts of a grass-like plant are ideal for groundcovers and spaces where you want a fuss-free plant. The plant also likes growing among pavers in a walkway. We used it as a space filler in a couple places in the beds and in a small bed between the walkway and front porch steps.

■ **Easy living pavers**

An aggregate concrete patio stretches across the back of the rancher-style house. It's rough on the feet and cracked from the weight of a former hot tub. At first, we think a wood deck would be the way to go. We don't want composite wood because it marks too easily when chairs slide across it, and it's prone to moss and mildew, facts we learned from our previous home.

But, the longer we think about it, the less inclined we are to do a wood deck because it needs annual power washing and frequent sealing or staining.

After months of evaluating the back yard, we decide on concrete pavers by Dominion Pavers, also based in Virginia Beach. Except for the cracked area, the existing patio serves as an underlayment for the new pavers. We expand the patio, going out several more feet, and add curved edges for a flowing look. A narrow side yard also gets pavers, giving us a nice walkway that wraps to the back yard space. All total, the pavers cover 1,200 square feet; furniture for the patio will be a spring purchase.

We choose Chatham Natural pavers in a James River tan that blends with the house's exterior colors. Chatham Natural is a large three-piece paver with rounded edges that resemble natural flag stone. The seams are filled with a polymeric sand that hardens when moistened, and prevents any weed seeds from sprouting or any ants from making hills. Sweeping and hosing is all the care the patio should ever need.

"Pavers offer unlimited color possibilities and designs," says Chris Rupp, a project manager for Dominion Pavers.

"They have a 50-year or more life expectancy, don't crack and are three times stronger than poured concrete."

Life & Style

Dictionary.com's word of the year is 'xenophobia'

You might have thought about it, heard it. A lot. You might have even felt it: Dictionary.com's word of the year is "xenophobia."

While it's difficult to get at exactly why people look up words in dictionaries, online or on paper, it's clear that in contentious 2016, fear of "otherness" bruised the collective consciousness around the globe.

The Brexit vote, police violence against people of color, Syria's refugee crisis, transsexual rights and the U.S. presidential race were among prominent developments that drove debate—and spikes in lookups of the word, said Jane Solomon, one of the dictionary site's lexicographers.

The 21-year-old site defines xenophobia as "fear or hatred of foreigners, people from different cultures, or strangers." And it plans to expand its entry to include fear or dislike of "customs, dress and cultures of people with backgrounds different from our own," Solomon said in a recent interview.

The word didn't enter the English language until the late 1800s, she said. Its roots are in two Greek words—"xenos," meaning "stranger or guest," and "phobos," meaning "fear or panic," Solomon added.



In this Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010 file photo, an Oxford English Dictionary is shown at the headquarters of the Associated Press in New York. AP

The interest was clear June 24, within a period that represents the largest spike in lookups of xenophobia so far this year. That was the day of Brexit, when the UK voted to leave the European Union.

Searches for xenophobia on the site

increased by 938 percent from June 22 to June 24, Solomon said. Lookups spiked again that month after President Obama's June 29 speech in which he insisted that Donald Trump's campaign rhetoric was not a measure of "populism," but rather

"nativism, or xenophobia, or worse."

Solomon added that chatter about xenophobia goes well beyond the spikes.

"It has been significant throughout the year," she said. "But after the EU referendum, hundreds and hundreds

of users were looking up the term every hour."

Robert Reich, who served in the administrations of Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter and was President Clinton's labor secretary, felt so strongly about xenophobia's prominence today that he appears in a video for Dictionary.com discussing its ramifications.

"I don't think most people even know what xenophobia is," Reich, who teaches public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, said in an interview. "It's a word not to be celebrated but to be deeply concerned about."

Solomon's site, based in Oakland, California, started choosing a word of the year in 2010, based on search data and agreement of in-house experts that include a broad swath of the company, from lexicographers to the marketing and product teams to the CEO, Liz McMillan.

The word and the sentiment reflect a broader mournful tone to 2016, with Oxford dictionary editors choosing "post-truth" as their word of the year, often described in terms of politics as belonging to a time in which truth has become irrelevant.

"I wish," Solomon said, "we could have chosen a word like unicorns." (AP)

Healing wounds, looted art reunited with Nazi victims' heirs

PARIS (AP)—Scam. That was Henrietta Schubert's first thought when lawyers told her a 16th century Flemish painting hanging in a French museum belonged to her Jewish grandparents, who had sold it in 1938 to secure their passage from Nazi Germany to America.

But when France's government returned "Portrait of a Man" to Schubert's family on Monday, her tears could not have been more genuine.

"You never expect something like this," Schubert, 67, a Vienna resident born in the same Austrian town as Adolf Hitler, said. "The Nazis are dead, and this can help our wounds heal."

Aware that time is stealing chances to identify the owners of lost or looted WWII treasures, France has dialed up efforts to find them or their heirs. The government, which in the past relied on claimants to come forward, now is actively seeking them out.

The groundbreaking initiative relies, in part, on painstaking detective work by dozens of genealogists scouring death records and other public and private archives to piece together the family trees of people persecuted or killed by the Nazis.

That's how an Edgar Degas sketch that Nazi occupiers in Paris stole from Maurice Dreyfus in 1940 came to be reunited this year with his daughter, Viviane. Her

family was the first beneficiary of the government's proactive search program, launched in 2015.

"We just got back a small, little piece of my father that I never knew about, which is a beautiful, beautiful miracle," Viviane Dreyfus said at the handover ceremony in May of Degas' "Trois Danseuses en Buste."

Maurice Dreyfus died in 1957, unaware that the charcoal sketch of three ballerinas had been found six years earlier in a cupboard of the Nazi-era German Embassy in Paris. Dreyfus never had mentioned the 19th century artwork to his family.

"It's wonderful that France is taking responsibility to find out who this all belongs to, as it's so much more than art," Viviane Dreyfus said.

France's museums still have and display some 2,000 pieces of unclaimed art and other treasures recovered after the Allies defeated Nazi Germany in 1945.

At least 145 of the items are known to have been stolen from Jews. Others are thought to have been bought or commissioned by Nazi occupiers, often forcibly. The histories of many of the pieces are unknown.

In museums, works with such a painful provenance are identified with a discrete label—"MNR," French initials for National Museums Recovery. So discrete, in fact, that most museum visitors have no idea that they are appreciating art with a multi-layered history.

If Christmas gets you down, there's a sad song for you

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—'Tis the season for bright, cheery holiday music playing ad nauseam on the radio, in shopping malls and television commercials. But if you're not feeling the Christmas spirit, there's still a song for you.

Take Elvis' mournful "Blue Christmas," released in 1957, which has become a holiday staple. Or consider Stevie Wonder's "Someday At Christmas," a Vietnam War-era song about wishing for a world where all men could live in equality and peace.

But a few contemporary artists are also tapping into less-than-jolly emotions to write new songs for Christmas.

Contemporary Christian pop singer Amy Grant is synonymous with Christmas. She's put out several Christmas albums over the course of her career, including a couple that went platinum, and regularly hosts holiday tours and performances.

But she said some fans told her that their holidays aren't always so joyous. "I've recorded a lot of Christmas music, but I thought, what I haven't done is to consider somebody that spends their holidays alone," Grant said, during an interview in Nashville, Tennessee. "I want to make a record for an audience of one. I want to tell one person 'Merry Christmas' and I want to be willing to sit there in the sadness too."

Her new holiday record, "Tennessee Christmas," which has reached No. 3 on Billboard's Holiday Album chart, includes several non-traditional yuletide tunes: "Melancholy Christ-

mas," "Another Merry Christmas," and "December." The lyrics speak to people who have no one to talk to, who have lost loved ones or who have struggled to make it through the year.

Grant said fans have taken to her Facebook page to talk about their feelings of grief, isolation and lone-



liness. And they have been reaching out to each other for support.

"My goal with this record is I am making it safe to say, 'I am alone,'" Grant said.

But not everyone is a fan of her somber approach to holiday music.

LifeWay Christian Resources, the national retail arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, decided not to stock the record. Jennifer Cooke, Grant's manager, wrote an opinion piece in The Washington Post about LifeWay's decision and said songs like "Melancholy Christmas" were bringing people together despite the fact that the song never mentions Jesus.

Soul singer Andra Day re-intro-

duced "Someday At Christmas" to a new generation of fans last year when she sang it with Wonder during a holiday TV commercial. That song is included on her new holiday EP, "Merry Christmas from Andra Day."

"I love that it has all the spirit of Christmas in the song, but at the same time the message in the song is beautiful, and it's relevant and it's selfless, taking an opportunity to celebrate Christmas but to also say, 'Hey, there are things we need to address,'" she said.

Country singer Kacey Musgraves is new to the holiday music tradition, releasing her first collection of Christmas songs this year called "A Very Kacey Christmas." Known for her acerbic wit in lyrics, Musgraves covered the funny side of Christmas with "A Willie Nice Christmas," with Willie Nelson, as well as holiday classics like "Feliz Navidad" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

But when she thought about what she could add to the catalog of holiday music, she wanted to write a sad song.

"The sad side of the holidays, I feel like no one really wants to talk about to acknowledge," Musgraves said. "For a lot (of people), including myself and my family, there is a kind of sadness to Christmas sometimes." She wrote the original song, "Christmas Makes Me Cry," about feeling like the only one getting the holiday blues while everyone else celebrates.

"Ironically, that was very fun for me to tap into," Musgraves said. "I cried when I wrote the song, and I cried when I was tracking it."

DirecTV wants to be the next online substitute for cable

NEW YORK (AP)—There are already a few online services that aim to replace cable, but they haven't attracted many users yet. AT&T's DirecTV hopes to change that with a new service announced Monday.

While just about any person you meet on the street will tell you cable costs too much, the vast majority of Americans don't think it's bad enough to cancel. Cheaper online live-TV services, like Dish Network's Sling TV and Sony's PlayStation Vue, remain relatively unknown compared with Netflix, Hulu and Amazon. And while they're easy to order and cancel online and fairly simple to use, they still have drawbacks.

"No one has really delivered the right combination of content, price and ease that will get people to make that call to their current provider and say sayonara," said Forrester analyst Jim Nail.

It's unclear if AT&T's new service, creatively dubbed DirecTV Now, will break out with consumers, especially with another live-TV operation from Hulu coming early next year. And maybe one from Google. Or, who knows, maybe even Apple, too.

The service, which will be available on Wednesday, will initially offer more than 100 channels for a teaser price of \$35 a month. But that's a limited-time offer, and the price for that bundle will nearly double

once the deal expires. (Existing customers will be grandfathered in.) AT&T didn't say when that will happen.

WHO WANTS TO WATCH?

If an online cable service could figure out how to get customers to pay up, it could attract millions of people.

Americans are increasingly dissatisfied with how much they pay for what's on TV. The number of customers paying cable and satellite operators for TV has dropped nearly 3 million, to roughly 97 million, in the past two years, according to industry experts MoffettNathanson Research.

And plenty of people never signed up for a \$100 TV bun-

dle to begin with. Research firm SNL Kagan estimates that about 14.4 million households pay for internet but not TV. AT&T sees the potential market for DirecTV Now as 20 million homes.

But analysts estimate that Sling has racked up fewer than 1 million subscribers since it launched in February 2015. Vue's numbers are harder to get a handle on, but it's not on the list of top 10 most popular online video services compiled by research firm Parks Associates. Neither service reports subscriber numbers.

Of course, it's hard to attract attention when there are also dozens of other video apps. You can sign up for specific sports, or comedy, or anime, or a single channel, like HBO or CBS. Netflix, the country's most popular paid video service, has 47.5 million customers in the U.S.

THE PROBLEMS WITH INTERNET TV

New services don't have all the channels people want. There's been no perfect solution that lets you pick only your favorite channels for a reasonable price, a vision of TV nirvana known as "a la carte" that has failed to materialize because it undermines the business models of entertainment conglomerates. Only people in some markets can watch broadcast channels like NBC and Fox in real time. That's OK if you can wait to watch the next episode of a TV series, but sports fans typically want to watch games live.

And even though so-called cord-cutters are on a quest for cheaper video, virtual cable may end costing just as much, depending on how many sports channels or other extras you want and how much your internet costs

when it's disconnected from its cable-bundle discount. Bundles from Sling and Vue range from \$20 to \$65 a month. You can pay to add more channels.

These services are easy to sign up for and cancel—but connecting them to a TV often requires an extra step or a new gadget, like an Apple TV. On the plus side, while they've experienced some technical issues during major events, service quality appears to have improved.

And they sometimes lack some of the best features of both traditional TV, like endless channel options and DVR recording (which Vue offers now, while Sling is only launching next month) and subscription TV services like Amazon and Netflix (no blackouts, no restrictions based on location if you're in your home country).

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'The Secrets of My Life' is title for Caitlyn Jenner memoir

NEW YORK (AP)—Caitlyn Jenner has picked a name for her upcoming memoir: "The Secrets of My Life." As announced last year by Grand Central Publishing, the book is scheduled for April 17. It will trace Jenner's life from her childhood and years Jenner as Olympic superstar Bruce Jenner through her multiple marriages and children and transition to Caitlyn. Jenner came out as a trans woman in 2015.

Inn key to room where Marilyn Monroe stayed sells for \$131

NEW MILFORD, Conn. (AP)—The key to a room at the Connecticut inn where Marilyn Monroe stayed in 1956 while dating playwright Arthur Miller has sold for \$131. The key from the Homestead Inn in New Milford sold Friday on eBay

to a woman who lives in the town, antiques dealer Loretta Kretchko said Monday. Kretchko, who runs Bob Kretchko Antiques with her husband, Bob, said they bought the inn's keys two years ago when the property changed hands. There were multiple keys for other rooms but only one for Monroe's favorite—No. 22, Loretta Kretchko said. The Kretchkos put the key up for sale after seeing the interest generated by the recent auction of a dress Monroe wore as she famously sang "Happy Birthday" to President John Kennedy. The dress sold this month for \$4.8 million. "I did think the key would have gone for a little more money to a Marilyn Monroe collector," Loretta Kretchko said. "It went to a local person for nostalgia." During the time Monroe stayed at the inn, Miller lived in nearby Roxbury.

The couple later married.

Imagine a picture book inspired by a John Lennon song

NEW YORK (AP)—Imagine a new picture book based on a famous song. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt told The Associated Press on Monday that it was publishing "Imagine," inspired by the John Lennon classic of the same name and authorized by his widow, Yoko Ono. With illustrations by Jean Jullien, the book will feature Lennon's lyrics as it tells of a young pigeon's mission to advocate for peace. "Imagine" comes out Sept. 21, the United Nations' International Day of Peace. It will be released in partnership with Amnesty International, which will receive some of the proceeds. In recent years, Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" and Bruce Springsteen's "Outlaw Pete" have also inspired picture books.



MOSAIC PORTRAIT

In this photo taken on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, Albanian artist Saimir Strati works on a mosaic portrait of Mother Teresa, at the Kosovo National Museum building in Pristina. Strati has built a portrait of Mother Teresa using staples, in a call for European countries to stop raising fences to shut their borders to refugees.

AP

Self-made entrepreneur enjoys new-found popularity in bed

DEAR ABBY: I recently started seeing a self-made entrepreneur. He's intelligent, and basically the most amazing man I have ever been with.

Because of his position and stature, many beautiful and sophisticated women throw themselves at him. A friend of his told me that in the months that I've known him, he has had sex with at least five other women, several on the first date.

I'm not angry about it since we never formally agreed to be exclusive, but I'm in love with him and want him all to myself. When I confronted him, he said that because he never had success with women previously, he is prone to seduction. He said they didn't mean anything to him and that he wants to be with me.

I have dropped the matter for now, but I'm still concerned. I have tried to step up my game in the bedroom, and I'm willing to do anything to stop him from looking elsewhere. How do I make him give up his harem?

WILLING TO DO ANYTHING

DEAR WILLING TO DO ANYTHING: I wish you had more clearly defined what "prone to seduction" means. Was he saying that because years ago he had little success with women he is enjoying the attention?

While you may be willing to "do anything" to have him all to yourself, if this man craves variety and is trying to

make up for lost time, there's nothing you can do to dissuade him. The two of you appear to be at very different places in your lives. If you want a man who is willing to have an exclusive relationship, you're going to have to look elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: I was just offered a HUGE promotion at my company. It will mean more than a 40 percent increase in pay, which is unheard of in my company, which has more than 10,000 employees. People in my department are not taking it well. Even my director did not congratulate me.

Taking on this new endeavor kind of scares me. I have had a tough year in my current position, and this new job is seriously tailored to me. My current manager—who is new to the department—feels this job was meant for me. She says I need a fresh start, and she has faith in me.

What's awkward is, the position involves working with some of the same people I worked with previously, although in a different capacity. Am I taking on too much? I know the team I will be working with, and I have a feeling I will love it. I'm just scared of setting myself up for failure. My boss and new manager are giving me a great opportunity, and I don't want to let anyone down.

UNSURE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR UNSURE: If your boss and new manager didn't feel you were capable of taking on the new assignment, they could have offered the job to the numerous other people at the company. Your former director may not have congratulated you because he/she was jealous, so do not take the silence to heart.

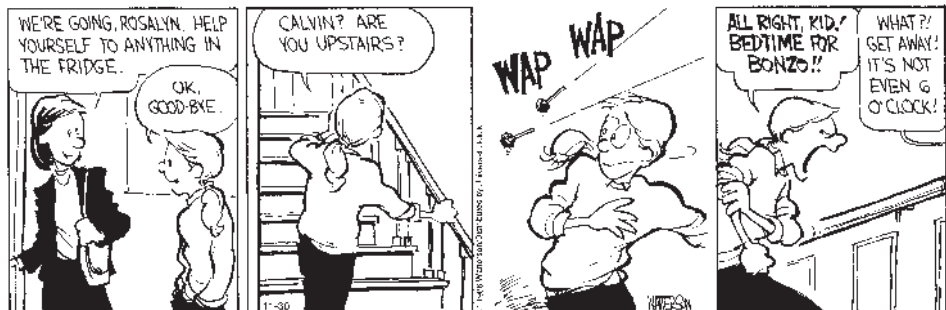
As to your fear that you won't succeed, all you can do is give it your best and keep moving forward. If you do that, you won't let anybody down—including yourself.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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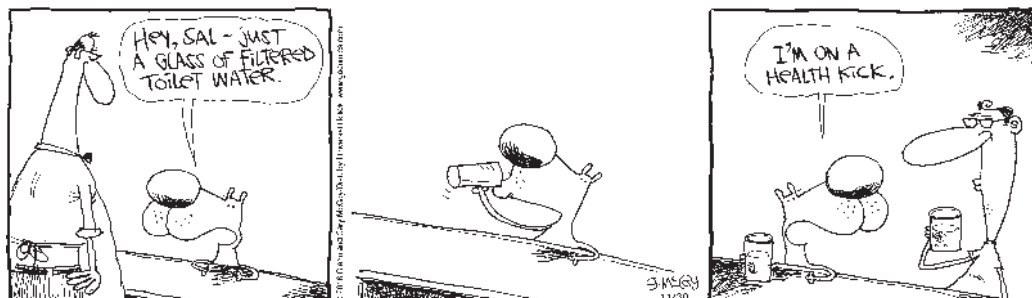
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Yesterday's answer 11/30

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kaley Cuoco, 31; Elisha Cuthbert, 34; Ben Stiller, 51; Billy Idol, 61.

Happy Birthday: It's up to you to make the changes that will make you feel good about your future. This is a year to complete the changes you've been contemplating and put an end to the situations that have been slowing you down or adding confusion to your life. Look for professional opportunities that suit your skills and qualifications. Your numbers are 8, 10, 14, 27, 32, 41, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Express your thoughts and put some muscle behind your plans. You can get ahead if you focus on using your skills to your benefit instead of helping someone else advance. Conversations can reveal valuable information that will encourage a wise choice. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Watch how others react and prepare to counter any situation that shows instability. Don't give in to anyone who tries to push you into something you cannot afford. Someone will offer false information about a deal you consider. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's up to you to bring about change if you don't like the direction things are heading in your life. Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. Take control and don't look back. Good fortune and opportunity are within your reach. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep moving forward regardless of what others decide to do. As long as you keep

your plans simple and affordable, you will enjoy the outcome. A partnership will undergo difficulties if you cannot agree. Be willing to do the leg-work. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel to a destination that has something exciting or exotic to offer. Participate in a seminar or experience that will challenge you to use your talents in new and interesting ways. Important partnerships will develop. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change at home may be useful if it keeps a dispute from developing. Getting to the bottom of things will take time and must be done properly if you are to come out on top. Offer incentives. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Channel your energy into activities and events that will allow you to stand out in the crowd. The response you get from someone who can change your life will give you a reason to expand your interests. Follow your dreams. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A professional change or dealing with institutions that can help you stabilize your financial future will pay off. Use your strengths to help you gain ground and convince others to see the potential in your plans. Romance is featured. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions will swell and excitement will mount. Discipline and control will be required if you want to take advantage of something that appears to be too good to be true. Step up and take action and you will succeed. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone with lofty ideas will try to persuade you to be a follower. Don't feel intimidated by a pushy individual when you have what it takes to offer something far more substantial. Do your own thing and forge ahead. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take your time and do your best. Negotiate on your own behalf and turn something you enjoy doing into a fruitful venture. Helping others will bring high rewards. Someone from your past will make a difference to your future. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll lose out if you let someone take over. Do whatever you do best and get involved in the issues that concern you the most. An honest evaluation of the relationships you have with others will lead to needed changes. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are bold, enthusiastic and playful. You are strategic and intelligent.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level: ★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

KATE SPADE COLLECTIONS Solution: 7 letters

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-012

ROTA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Rota Water Supply Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of the demolition of existing building structure, fence, pipes, valves, including appurtenances, installation of new 6-inch, 8-inch, & 10-inch PVC water line complete with necessary valves and fittings, construction of a new well building, chlorination building, booster pump building, and several reconfigurations of the existing water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed by August 1st 2017.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

The Bid Documents may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one Bid Documents package set. The Bid Documents consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **December 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A Site Visit of the CUC Rota Water facilities will be scheduled by CUC Rota thereafter. Prospective Bidders shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) Original and Five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a **sealed envelope** marked "CUC-IFB-17-012 –Rota Water Supply Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or supply under the contract. The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this IFB shall take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

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Westbrook with another triple-double as Thunder stop Knicks



NEW YORK (AP)—Russell Westbrook got his third straight triple-double and nearly did it by halftime, finishing with 27 points, 18 rebounds and 14 assists for his NBA-leading eighth of the season as the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the New York Knicks 112-103 on Monday night.

Westbrook had 14 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists at the break and is now averaging a triple-double for the season, raising his averages to 30.9 points, 11.3 assists and 10.3 rebounds through more than a month of the season.

Enes Kanter added a season-high 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Steven Adams had 14 points and 10 boards in the Thunder's third straight victory.

Derrick Rose scored a season-best 30 points, but the Knicks had their six-game home winning streak snapped. Kristaps Porzingis added 21 points and Carmelo Anthony had 18, but shot just 4 for 19.

Westbrook fell just shy of his third straight 15-assist game, but had his highest rebound total of the season—and one off his career best—to keep the Thunder rolling as they've rebounded nicely from a recent three-game skid.

The Knicks led by 11 in the first quarter and things were coming easily, with Joakim Noah finding Porzingis for two lobs in the second period. But the Thunder began to grab control with Westbrook's hustle and Kanter's muscle, getting numerous baskets inside to turn around the game.

It happened so quickly that Westbrook nearly had the stat sheet stuffed before the break.

Joffrey Lauvergne missed a 3-pointer that would've given Westbrook a 10th assist with 32

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) drives past New York Knicks guard Derrick Rose toward the basket in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden in New York, Monday, Nov. 28, 2016.

AP



seconds left in the half, but the point guard who was MVP of the All-Star Game on this floor two years ago had a shot at the halftime triple-double after grabbing his 10th rebound on the defensive end with a little more than 20 seconds left. He brought the ball up and tried to create, but turned it over on a pass with about 5 seconds to go.

Warriors 105, Hawks 100

In Oakland, Calif., Kevin Durant had 25 points and 14 rebounds, Draymond Green blocked two shots in the final 43.4 seconds and Golden

State held off Atlanta and its strong bench for a 12th straight victory.

Stephen Curry scored 25 points with four 3-pointers, and Klay Thompson added 20 points as Golden State's Big Three each reached 20 points for the second consecutive game.

The Warriors won their seventh straight home game and fifth in a row against Atlanta at Oracle Arena while welcoming back Green from a one-game absence while injured.

Dennis Schroder scored 24 points for the Hawks. Dwight Howard added 14 points and

16 rebounds, and Paul Millsap had 14 points and 14 boards.

Celtics 112, Heat 104

In Miami, Isaiah Thomas had 25 points and eight assists, Avery Bradley added 18 points and Boston beat Miami.

Jae Crowder scored 17 points and Kelly Olynyk had 14 for the Celtics, who beat Miami for the fourth consecutive time. The 112 points were the most scored against the Heat this season.

Goran Dragic had 27 points and 17 assists for the Heat, setting season bests in both categories. Hassan Whiteside add-

ed 25 points and 17 rebounds, and Josh Richardson scored 12.

The Heat tied a season low for a quarter with 12 points in the second, going into halftime down 48-31. They established a season best with 42 points in the third, yet Boston maintained a double-digit lead.

Jazz 112, Timberwolves 103

In Minneapolis, George Hill had 24 points, eight rebounds and four assists, and Rudy Gobert had 16 points and 17 rebounds to lead Utah over Minnesota for its third straight win.

Gordon Hayward scored 24 points and Utah's top-ranked defense put the clamps on young Timberwolves stars Andrew Wiggins and Karl-Anthony Towns.

Towns had 19 points and 12 rebounds but shot 8 of 18 and struggled with foul trouble. Wiggins scored 13 points on 6-for-16 shooting. All five Wolves starters were in double figures, including Zach LaVine with 28 points.

Raptors 122, 76ers 95

In Toronto, Kyle Lowry scored 24 points and set a team record by hitting all six of his 3-pointers, and Toronto extended its winning streak over Philadelphia to 13 games.

Lowry added eight assists and four rebounds. He topped the 5-for-5 mark on 3s set by several other Raptors throughout the years.

Six players scored in double figures for the Raptors (11-6), who won their third in a row.

Terrence Ross added a season-high 22 points for Toronto, including a trio of 3s, as the Raptors went 13 for 19 (69 percent) from beyond the arc.

Robert Covington led the 76ers with 20 points, going 6 for 9 from 3-point range. Jahlil Okafor had 15 points for the

Sixers (4-14), who lost their fourth straight.

Philadelphia has dropped all six road games this season. The team's losing streak away from home is at 22 games dating to last season.

Wizards 101, Kings 95, OT

In Washington, Bradley Beal made a career-high seven 3-pointers and finished with 31 points as Washington recovered after giving up a late lead and beat Sacramento in overtime.

John Wall had 19 points and 11 assists for the Wizards, but committed a career-high 11 turnovers.

Washington had a season-high 24 giveaways, but held the Kings to three points in overtime after seeing an eight-point lead evaporate over the final 5:12 of regulation.

DeMarcus Cousins had 36 points and a season-high 20 rebounds for Sacramento, which also committed its most turnovers of the season with 20.

Hornets 104, Grizzlies 85

In Memphis, Tenn., Kemba Walker and Jeremy Lamb scored 21 points apiece, and Charlotte built an early lead on the way to beating Memphis.

Walker and Lamb were a combined 14 of 25 from the field, including 7 for 13 on 3-point attempts. The rest of the Hornets were 2 of 13 from outside the arc.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 14 points and Frank Kaminsky added 12 for the Hornets, who won their second straight after a four-game losing streak. Lamb grabbed nine rebounds.

Marc Gasol led the Grizzlies with 19 points and eight rebounds. Mike Conley had 15 points before leaving in the third quarter with a lower back injury.

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)—Tiger Woods has gone through two back surgeries since he last played a golf tournament 15 months ago. He had another back surgery that knocked him out of the Masters for the first time in 2014. He had four knee surgeries before that.

None of that matters to Ernie Els when Woods returns to competition this week.

Els is more curious about what's going on in his head.

"The talent's there. It's been proven. It doesn't go away," Els said. "It's what you think of yourself. It's what you think where you are. We look at this great player, but he's not seeing the same stuff in his own mind. A lot of us are like that. When you've achieved as much as he has ... it's a shock to the system not to play as good as you have been. To look at other people looking at you like, 'Hey, you're not the same

Tiger gets back to golf with questions about head, not body

guy,' that's hard to take."

Els, perhaps more than any other player, has a deep golfing connection with Woods.

He was the player Woods sought out 20 years ago at Royal Lytham & St. Annes when deciding whether to turn pro. They had so many meaningful battles, and Woods almost always got the better of him. Els was runner-up to Woods seven times, the most of any player.

Els designed the Albany golf course where Woods comes back from the longest layoff of his career. He plans to be in the Bahamas, and he is as eager as anyone else to see how a guy who won 79 times on the PGA Tour, including 14 majors, stacks up against a generation that grew up in awe of how Woods played golf.

The Hero World Challenge is a holiday tournament with an 18-man field and no cut.

Even so, it commands as much attention as any tournament this year. Woods has been a star attraction his entire career, and the appetite is even stronger after an absence that dates to Aug. 23, 2015.

"I can't wait to watch, either, just to see him play," Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III said. "The last time I saw him play, I won. It's hard to believe it's been that long. I've seen his swing. I've seen him on video. He's sent me clips, and I've heard the description of how he feels. I'm excited to see him play."

"You've got to start somewhere," he added. "And I want to see the start."

Woods already has had one false start. He signed up to play the Safeway Open, only to pull out three days later because he said he felt "vulnerable." That followed

a week as assistant captain at the Ryder Cup, and cramming in practice the week before with results that made him want to wait.

Love won the Wyndham Championship last year in August at age 51, and it could easily have served as a model for Woods—a power player no longer in his prime, not among the biggest hitters anymore, but with enough experience and talent to find a way to score and to win.

"It has to motivate him that Vijay Singh is lasting until 53, that Ernie is still competitive, that Davis is still competitive," Love said. "He knows Jack Nicklaus won the Masters in 1986 playing part-time. He knows what everybody has done. I know he's working hard not to come back and be average. He wants to come back and win again."



he has. I guess you live by the sword, die by the sword. That's why he's Tiger Woods. It's a tough situation."

Woods said his health had nothing to do with pulling out of the Safeway Open, and Els believes him. He says Woods is in better shape than some players in their 20s. Then again, he has accumulated plenty of emotional baggage over the last several years, on and off the golf course.

"They physical side is not an issue. It's the other side that's an issue, whatever is blocking him," Els said. "But you've got to get on the horse. You can't be standing on the sidelines. You've got to get out there. ... Hopefully, he plays well, really, for his own goodness, his own sake, his own mental sake. If he plays well, it would be great. He'll have hope and start a good schedule. If it goes the other way, he's behind the 8-ball again."

Rodgers tosses 2 TDs, Packers beat Eagles, 27-13



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes to Davante Adams and the Green Bay Packers beat the Philadelphia Eagles 27-13 Monday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

Rodgers had 313 yards passing and Adams had 113 yards receiving to help send Philadelphia (5-6) to its first home loss this season.

The Packers (5-6) kept their sinking playoff hopes alive but they're still two games behind the Lions (7-4) in the NFC North.

Carson Wentz had 254 yards passing, ran for a score and threw an interception. The last-place Eagles are 2-6 since a 3-0 start.

Rodgers came out firing and led the Packers on consecutive touchdown drives to start the game. Rodgers extended the opening drive by running twice for 25 yards and tossed a 12-yard TD pass to Adams for a 7-0 lead.

After the Eagles answered on Wentz's 1-yard TD run, Rodgers led another 75-yard scoring drive. He threw a perfect 20-yard TD pass to Adams to give the Packers a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter. Nolan Carroll had excellent coverage on the play, but Rodgers put the ball in a tight spot and hit Adams in stride in the back of the end zone.

Aaron Ripkowski's 1-yard TD run early in the fourth



quarter extended Green Bay's lead to 24-13.

The Eagles had allowed only three touchdowns at home while outscoring opponents 108-38 in their first four games at Lincoln Financial Field.

Green Bay gave up at least 30 points in each of its previous four games, including 89 in the last two. But the defense harassed Wentz and shut down the Eagles' inconsistent of-

fense.

Philadelphia's Caleb Sturgis kicked field goals of 48 and 50 yards while Green Bay's Mason Crosby connected from 33 and 32 yards.

KEY STATS: The Packers were 10 for 14 on third down and 1 for 1 on fourth. The Eagles had no sacks and no takeaways.

NOT AGAIN: Eagles DT Fletcher Cox, an All-Pro last

year, committed his third roughing-the-passer penalty to extend an opponent's drive this season. The first two led to TDs in losses at Detroit (24-23) and at Washington (27-20). His late hit on Rodgers in the third quarter allowed Green Bay to keep the ball and Ripkowski scored several plays later.

HIGHLIGHT PLAY: Rodgers and Adams connected for

another eye-popping play in the third quarter. Adams was covered well on a deep pass, but Rodgers threw it in the right spot and Adams made an outstanding over-the-shoulder catch for a 50-yard gain.

BAD THROW: The Eagles drove to Green Bay's 45 on the first possession of the second half before Wentz badly overthrew Zach Ertz and was intercepted by Ha Ha Clinton-

AP
Philadelphia Eagles' Carson Wentz (11) dives for a touchdown past Green Bay Packers' Micah Hyde (33) during the first half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers, Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, in Philadelphia.

Dix. The turnover led to a field goal for the Packers.

CHALLENGING: Eagles coach Doug Pederson challenged a 2-yard catch in the third quarter—and won—so the Packers had a second-and-10 instead of second-and-8. But the untimely challenge meant Pederson couldn't toss the red flag the rest of the game.

INJURIES: Eagles WR Jordan Matthews injured his right ankle making a twisting catch in the second quarter. He briefly returned to start the third quarter before leaving the game for good. DE Marcus Smith left with a shoulder injury. RG Brandon Brooks was hospitalized with an illness and Isaac Seumalo made his first career start in his place. ... Packers LB Clay Matthews left the game with a shoulder injury on Philadelphia's first drive, but came back.

HONORED: Merrill Reese, the Eagles' play-by-play radio announcer for the last 40 seasons, and four-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter were inducted into the team's Hall of Fame at halftime.

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP)—The Baltimore Ravens' most potent offensive weapon is Justin Tucker, a can't-miss kicker who also happens to be a talented opera singer, skilled negotiator and the target of good-natured insults from his teammates.

Tucker is the only NFL kicker who's perfect this season. He's 27 for 27 on field goal tries—including seven from 50 yards or longer—and has nailed every one of his 15 conversions.

Booting on a soft grass field on a very windy day, Tucker hit field goals of 52, 57, 54 and 36 yards Sunday to carry the Ravens past the Cincinnati Bengals 19-14.

"We've got the best kicker in the league. There's no doubt about it," Baltimore linebacker Terrell Suggs said afterward. "But we've got to keep the young kid humble."

That's the prevailing theme in the locker room of the Ravens, who love their kicker, but go through great lengths to keep him in his place.

"There's no way to keep him down, man," quarterback Joe Flacco said.

All kidding aside, the Ravens (6-5) know they wouldn't be tied for first place in the AFC North without their

Ravens Tucker gets a kick out of being perfect

unyieldingly reliable kicker. The offense has been limited to one or no touchdowns in six of 11 games, yet Tucker has been there to salvage just about every drive that sputters inside midfield. He's scored 96 points, a whopping 44 percent of Baltimore's season total of 218.

"When our offense stalls out, we're still putting points on the board," linebacker C.J. Mosley said.

Tucker is paying solid returns on a four-year, \$16.8 million contract he signed in July. The deal included an NFL-record for the position \$10.8 million in guaranteed money.

One day before the agreement, Tucker—wearing the team's franchise tag—said he would leave the Ravens if the sides didn't work out a long-term deal.

"I told him, 'I've never seen a kicker make some contract demands, but I guess when you're the best kicker in the league, you can do that,'" Suggs reasoned.

Tucker does more than merely take a few kicks during the week and show up on Sunday. He works hard at his craft each day with special teams



AP
Baltimore Ravens kicker Justin Tucker (9) celebrates his field goal during the first half of an NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals in Baltimore, Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016.

coach Jerry Rosburg, holder Sam Koch and long snapper Morgan Cox. More often than not, kicking consultant Randy

Brown will participate as well.

"It's imperative to have a consistent operation," Tucker said. "It starts with an accu-

rate, fast, catchable snap like Morgan is able to do time and time again. Then it's important to have a holder who's confident in his hands, who won't hesitate in his movement. It's definitely a big part of the reason why I'm able to be confident kicking the ball."

The results are profound. Tucker has made 34 straight field goals, two short of Matt Stover's team record. He is on course to become one of only seven NFL kickers to complete a perfect season.

"He has a lot of confidence, and he's earned the confidence because he's worked so hard," coach John Harbaugh said Monday. "He's talented. But we try to keep him in place and whip him into shape every now and then, make fun of him every opportunity we can. He's got just a great sense of humor and takes it well."

Kicking isn't Tucker's only talent. He also sings opera well enough to perform at various concert halls and charity events.

The guy's got a lot going for him, certainly more than the average football player.

"He's a 27-year-old guy, a

performer, a very confident guy," Harbaugh said. "You can call it whatever you want in terms of cocky or confident. What's the balance there? I don't personally think he has a hint of arrogance in him at all. I think he's a fundamentally humble person who loves life, loves to perform."

Especially when the Ravens need a long field goal. Tucker insisted on trying that 57-yarder into the wind on Sunday, and believes on a good day he can blast one through the uprights from unprecedented lengths.

"It is in the realm of possibility for me, with Morgan and Sam, to hit the ball from well across midfield," he said. "We are talking about 70-75 yards. What matters is that we made the kicks we were sent out there to make (Sunday), and I will leave it at that."

One of these days, maybe even this season, Tucker will miss a kick. If that happens, it's a good bet that he will simply shrug it off and get ready for the next one.

"As a kicker, you have to be able to get over your last kick—whether it's bad or good—and be able to move on," Koch said. "He has the character that allows him to do that. He has fun. That's important."

2016 Co-ed Thanksgiving Spike Fest

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Set to Kill's Jeff Riman serves during the first set of Game 1 of their title duel against Served Hot in the 2016 Co-ed Thanksgiving Spike Fest last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Served Hot's Mike Iguel chases down the ball.



Set to Kill's Kriszell Esteves sets up a teammate.



Set to Kill's Krystel Maluyo bumps the ball.



Leigh Rangamar receives a drop from Set to Kill, while teammate Jesus Iguel looks on.



Served Hot's Dolores Rangamar reaches for the ball.



Set to Kill players huddle after scoring a point.



Served Hot players huddle after the timeout in the first set.



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SPC tops 4 events; Napu wins 2 races



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Saipan Paddling Club, Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, and Hoe Lokahi members and officials pose for a group photo at the conclusion of the 2nd Annual SPC All Juniors Outrigger Regatta held last Saturday in the waters off Kilili Beach.

Kang, Gregoire take doubles title



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Daniel Kang returns to Richard Steele during their title game in the boys U12 singles division of the 8th Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic last Sunday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.

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Daniel Kang completed a sweep of the boys U12 division competition in the 8th Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic after winning the doubles championship with Anthony Gregoire.

Kang, who stunned top-ranked Richard Steele in the boys U12 singles finals, and Gregoire earned a perfect mark (3-0) in the round-robin contest to



clinch the doubles crown in their division. The champion pair secured the doubles title after easing past Andrew Chung and Brandon Lee, 6-1, 6-3, last Sunday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.

Earlier in their second game last Saturday, Gregoire and Kang also took only two sets to beat Jae Yun and Min Gi Jung, 6-0, 6-2. Be-

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Saipan Paddling Club ruled four races, while Napu Outrigger Canoe Club prevailed in two events in the 2nd Annual SPC All Juniors Outrigger Regatta held last Saturday in the waters off Kilili Beach.

The host club topped the junior girls 1,500m, co-ed 1,500m, junior girls 500m, and co-ed 500m events, while Napu won in the junior boys 1,500m and junior boys

500m races.

SPC timed in at 12:23.08 in the final race of the junior girls 1,500m, completing the longest course of the day by more than 25 seconds ahead

of Napu, which submitted 12:48.01. Earlier in the preliminary race, SPC also posted the fastest time at 11:50.03, but was disqualified (race rules violation), making Napu the winner of the initial contest despite posting 12:10.99.

In the junior boys 1,500m, Napu came out on top of both the preliminary and final races after recording 10:35.80 and 11:02.89. SPC also broke the 11-minute barrier with its 10:59.44 in the preliminary, but was way slower in the finals when it clocked in at 11:21.39.



In the co-ed 1,500m, SPC stole the No. 1 spot from Napu in the finals after registering 11:38.94 against the 11:45.48 of the latter. Napu was the first finisher in the prelims with its 11:59.57. Hoe Lokahi also joined the event and clocked in at 12:39.10 in the preliminary before doing the same event in the finals with a faster time of 12:07.29.

SPC's junior girls paddlers showed the way in the 500m sprint, both in the preliminary and final races. SPC had 3:50.16 in the finals, more

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Returning pros, newcomers join 'Hell'



Five returning pros and three bikers from the Philippines headline the list of participants in the 2016 Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race that will hit the road this Saturday.

Last year's champions Ryutaro Nakamura of Japan and former Saipan resident Mieko Carey are back to defend the men's and women's title against fellow "Hell" returnees Aleksandr Dorovskikh and Konstantin Fast of Russia. Filipino pros John Mark Galedo, Jan Paul Morales, and Joseph Miller, on the other hand, will make their debuts in the 100-kilometer race around the island.

Nakamura topped the 2015 competition after reaching the



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Mieko Carey leads a small group of bikers cruising along Beach Road during last year's Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race. Carey is among the five pros returning to Saipan to compete in the 100-kilometer race.

finish line at Mariana Resort at the 2:54:50. He also joined the race in 2014 and finished third behind Fast Dorovskikh. Dorovskikh timed in at 2:49:22 in the eighth edition of the annual event, but failed to defend his men's title last year when he pulled out of the competition the last minute. Dorovskikh slid to ninth place in the men's pro category as he started the race 25 minutes late and clocked in at 3:53:22.

In the women's pro division, the Guam-based Carey made it to the finish line first and timed in at 3:25:51. She won over fellow Guam biker Manami Iijima (4:14:33) and Saipan's Kimiko McKagan

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